

Thursday, April 2, 1998



Quick Response

Travis Roberts of the Grayling Township Fire Department douses the embers removed from a woodstove at a home on Burton's Landing last week, the result of a chimney fire caught in time. The home is equipped with an audible outdoor fire and smoke alarm serviced by Milltown Electric Alarms. Undersheriff Kirk Wakefield arrived on the scene and remarked, "An alarm that really works!" Woodstove and fireplace users should be aware that creosote build-up is the major cause of chimney fires and it would be wise to have the chimney checked for build-up to avoid such a fire. Luckily for this homeowner, a little smoke damage was all the fire left behind.

Budget "ax" aimed at 911 and law enforcement

County to balance budget

by Shirley D. Schmoock Special Writer

The balancing act currently being performed by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners is anything but entertaining. Matter of fact, it's been downright painful and it promises to get even more so.

The county's broke and the budget ax has fallen squarely upon law enforcement's shoulders. A combined total of \$396,000 will removed from the county's law enforcement and 911 budgets.

Due to a complex formula of examining each county department -using comparative analyses from other counties of the same size it's been determined that \$361,000 must be shaved from the Sheriff's Department and another \$35,000 from Central Dispatch - 911 and Emergency Preparedness.

The financial laceration of these from a high of \$355,324 in 1996 to combined budgets is to be accomplished in the next six months.

In an earlier motion by the county board to accept the recommendations of county auditor, Marvin Anderson of Anderson, Tackman P.C., this huge slice from the county's law enforcement budget was just one of the recommendations Establishment of this fund has been made by Anderson. The county still no operating budget and spending at the rate of the 1998 Proposed Budget, which contains a negative outcome of \$360.607.

"You do not have the funds to provide the services you're providing, and you haven't had them as far back as 1988." Anderson ran the county's 'bottom line' from 1988 forward. Each year-end produced the same results — deficit spending.

a low of \$195,545 in 1989. The deficit looming this year is higher than all previous years at \$360,306 and this figure contains not a single penny for emergencies.

This proposed deficit amount also does not include the creation of a \$150,000 contingency recommended by the county's auditor as being "just the bare minimum".

This total budget-balancing package, therefore, would require the total cuts to be \$615,000.

"Not one year in the past ten years has the county operated with a surplus. I would say," Anderson continued, "that it's time to educate your public. You have nothing left, and I'm amazed that you've lasted

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Past years' deficits have ranged Is it a "mini" or a "mainframe"?

by Shirley D. Schmoock Special Writer

So, is the AS/400 a mini-computer or a mainframe?

"Neither," said John Mennicke, President of JCM Technology of Atlanta. JCM is an IBM mainframe service corporation.

computer'. It can be connected to a mainframe, but it is not a mini- or micro-computer. It is above a micro-computer and below a mainframe," explained Mennicke.

participate in becoming part of the

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"An AS/400 is called a 'mid-range State's 46th Circuit Trial Court, certain expenditures were made by the Supreme Court to facilitate the unique program.

"To allow the Court to centralize all data processing on one computer When Crawford County agreed to system, the Michigan Supreme Court invested \$35,079 to update the IBM AS/400 computer in Crawford County.

> "Not only did the Court receive the benefits of this update but also all of county government in Crawford County. This update expanded the capacity of the system and updated the operating system, adding many years of life to the Crawford County computer network in 1997.

> "An additional \$20,445 in computer software programming costs was spent, and in 1998 - the Supreme Court will invest another \$60,000 in a new AS/400 computer system for the Court in the 46th District."

1997 Annual Court Consolidation Report, Counties of Crawford, Kalkaska, and Otsego. Hon. Alton T. Davis, Chief Judge.

County officials cut **\$400,000 from budget**

Special Writer

Adjust a little here, pare a little there, and soon you've managed to eliminate \$400,000 from a \$5 million budget.

The big, magical mop Crawford County used to help dry up its 'Red-Ink River', was a combination of accounting adjustments and transfers. It was also done by shaking every single goodie and ornament off the County Budget Tree.

Unfortunately, even that was not enough.

The county's Ways and Means meeting of March 24 was not going very well at all and would only get worse. The paring and shaking-off found \$400, 000 but it needed twice that amount and then some - say, \$150,000 more for a contingency fund and another \$50,000 to cover the expected deficit in the Child

Settlement \

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An early settlement conference

in the Jeffery Todd Hale vs.

Crawford County, Thomas M.

Haskel, and Mary Joan Gwilt

case, has been set for April 2 in

"The likelihood of an early set-

tlement in this case is incredibly

remote," said Gretchen Olsen,

Olsen is with the Plunkett,

Cooney of Petoskey, and this law

firm has been retained by the

County's insurance company to

Crawford County participates in

a "self-insured" program with a

Olsen said she sees very little

basis in the case against the coun-

ty, and if the alleged incidents did

occur, they occurred elsewhere.

"But," also concluded "there are lot of legal issues to sort out for

the defendants, especially regard-

ing governmental immunity. We

are still engaged in discovery,

and that process will be ongoing

for quite some time."

number of other municipalities.

attorney for the defendants.

Federal Court in Kalamazoo.

by Shirley D. Schmoock

Special Writer

handle the case.

Off the list came all raises for department heads, and the items from everyone's Wish List. Off came extra people never hired and off came department contingency items designed to cover the little extras that always seem to comprise bracket creep.

The miraculous disappearance of \$400,000 from an \$800,000 predicted deficit came when a most timely Sanity Check by county auditor, Marvin Anderson, determined that the proposed budget showed the biggest share of the 'shortfall' had been riding across the budget picture under the guise of requested expenditures.

Requests are wishes and wants. They are not actual budget items until the budget is adopted.

The Crawford County budget for 1997-98, however, is 6-months into

When the department heads were asked to resubmit their revised 1998 budgets, hoping not to slash employees or their hours, each accomplished the required cuts, or at least \$400,000 worth of them.

Cutting county employee hours to a four-day work week has been considered. But the move would be counter-productive, as it would jeopardize everyone's insurance and benefit packages.

Blue Cross requires an employee work 32-hours per week to remain eligible, and the county now has a 35-hour per week work schedule.

Anderson said he'd examined the resubmitted proposed budget versus the current and actual spending stream, and concluded the county is "spending at the projected budget level, but overall, they aren't doing See "County officials..." pg. A-3

Suspects sought in roadside beating

Suspects are being sought in connection with an incident where two Emmett County men were robbed and beaten on North Down River Road after getting lost in the late evening hours of March 24.

Officers from the Crawford County Sheriff's Office are investigating the report of the armed robbery in Grayling Township that took place around 9:30 p.m. near Wakeley Bridge Road.

Officers responded to a report of a vehicle in the ditch and that the driver appeared to be intoxicated.

Upon arrival, officers learned that the stuck vehicle had been freed and that the suspects had robbed the two Emmett County men after they flagged down the suspects' vehicle for directions.

The suspects' vehicle hit one of the victims who was standing outside of his vehicle and then the suspects' vehicle went into the ditch.

The two victims were then beaten and robbed while the suspects used the victims' vehicle to free their

One victim was treated for cuts and abrasions at Grayling Mercy Hospital, then released.

The Sheriff is not releasing the type of weapon used.

Officers are looking for a small two-door vehicle, blue in color with a different color hood, possibly

Anyone having any information is requested to call the Crawford County Sheriff's Office at (517) 348-4616

Outage leaves Grayling area in the dark

Life came to a halt in Grayling and surrounding areas early on the morning of March 28 when some Consumers' Energy equipment became disabled.

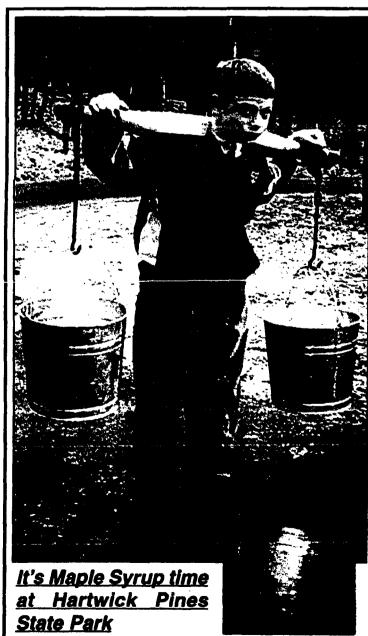
The power went out for 2,748 customers at approximately 5:11 a.m. and was restored at 11:10 a.m.

According to Consumers' public relations spokesman John Hall, it is uncertain whether the insulator and cross-arm broke due to previous storm damage or was damaged after storms and high winds came through Crawford County on March 27-28.

"We work as quickly as we can to get things up and running when an outage occurs," remarked Hall.

Anyone who tried to escape their powerless homes to enjoy breakfast at any of the many restaurants in Grayling were disappointed when they found everything dark, with the exception of Goodale's Bakery, which has a back-up generator.

Hall stated that the possibility of vandalism had not been confirmed and Crawford County Undersheriff Kirk Wakefield said that his office had not received any reports of vandalism.



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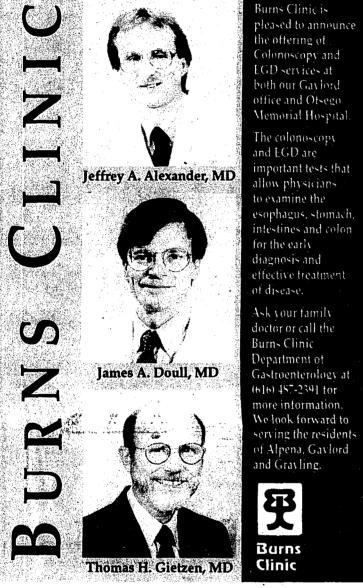
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Local firefighting groups coordinate

by Shirley D. Schmoock Special Writer

Camp Grayling Commander COL Gary McConnell, Facility Engineer LTC Lee Lawson, Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Fire Management Officer Scott Heather, and U.S. Forest Services Resource Protection Manager Paul Schmidtke, met with the Crawford County Board of Commissioners March 24 to discuss fires.

With El Nino raising havoc and concerns across the state, "we'd like to know what fire protection provisions you've made for spring and summer." said Commissioner Robert Smock of Lovells Township. "With an increase in temperature and a decrease of water in the ground, could all of you articulate and share the specifics of your plans?"

State and Federal forest covers much of Crawford County, and the have burned down homes and forest fires. destroyed the dreams of hundreds of familiès.

McConnell stated that the National with the DNR regarding fires, not only in our impact areas (firing ranges), but outside. We're prepared to be the first response team, and as had four and we needed six." of April 6, our fire department will be on board. We'll have 10-12 firefighters ready.

"We have trucks for brush, and we've installed a foaming nozzle which inhibits and cuts off the oxygen supply to the fires. The foaming apparatus works somewhat like the degreasing agent in detergent: By adding the foaming agent to water, it's not only a cooling agent but it soaks the ground to a much greater degree.

The 'hot spots' the fire department talks about usually are only treated once instead of repeatedly.

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"We also have a helicopter equipped with a Bambi Bucket on standby. We used this combination in the May of 1990 fire. We had three units training here then for AT (Annual Training), and we put them all into service.'

Smock then wanted to know the arrangements for summer training, and asked whether the troops would "reduce the firing on the ranges."

McConnell said "we have close coordination with the DNR, and we follow the Palmer Drought Index at all times," to determine what orders the troops will receive. "If the fire index is high, we won't issue ammunition with tracer rounds and we won't give out pyrotechnics."

The DNR's Scott Heather said "we also count on the National Weather Service." He then confirmed that "in 1998, we anticipate a sub-moisture deficit due to the lack of snow. And, with a potential for 6-7 months devastating forest fires of the past of drought, that sets the stage for

"Our department's been trying to prepare for that potential. Thanks to the work of Allen Lowe and his Guard "has mutual aid agreements committee, our district has the most firefighters and equipment in the state right now. His study proved we had a shortage of personnel. We

Smock also asked Heather about the availability of his men and equipment.

"Our professional officers and those in Grayling are the best in the state. Besides our four officers, we have four more forestry staff stationed here who can be pulled from timber management at any time. We can also pull in more resources from the across the state."

The issue of the burning ban versus restricted burns was also brought into discussion. It was explained that for three to four years, all agencies agreed on a burning ban, but that all changed recently.

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"A total ban on burning poses problems for contractors," said Heather. "They're trying to clear for building subdivisions and golf courses, and we decided that burning would be permitted on 'low fire danger days'. We try to be flexible."

Commissioner Dennis Long of Grayling said that he "wanted to give no false sense of security to the public," about how well equipped or ready the firefighters were in the area. He said "if we shift the burden from the DNR to the local departments, the red flags would go up. Forest fires and structure fires are inherently different situations."

U. S. Forestry representative, Paul Schmidtke said that "due to the significant acreage under state and federal jurisdiction, that to minimize the risk of fires, we'd consider issuing a fire ban on all federal land and

camp grounds. The Governor can issue a fire ban for the entire state and create a fuel abatement program."

A 'fuel abatement program' is an operation "where the Jack Pine is removed to create a fire break around defensible residential areas." By clearing away the available fuel for a fire, it gives the firefighters and the residents time to evacuate or to more efficiently battle the fire. The Jack Pine debris is taken to public lands for burning in the wintertime."

And the number of trained forest firefighters in the Mio office?

"We have seven. We also have trucks and dozers and the people to operate them," concluded Heather.

McConnell said, in summary, "We have not cut any assets in our fire department. They are our insurance policy, and we're still paying the premiums to fund them."



AERIAL ATTACK -- This helicopter, equipped with a Bambi Bucket is the type that was used to fight the May 1990 forest fire. One of its type is always on standby for use in Crawford County by local firefighting units.

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Efforts stepped up to preserve, improve rural health care

by Rachelle Y. Julien Capital News Service

LANSING - Michigan health organizations and state lawmakers are stepping up efforts to improve rural health care.

Recent efforts to recruit more doctors to rural hospitals may be a key to preserving some small hospitals' very existence, officials say.

Physician recruitment is a big challenge for rural hospitals. "It takes a unique physician to practice in a smaller hospital," said Doug Rahn, chief executive officer for the Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater.

According to Patrick Foley, spokesman for the Michigan Health and hospital Association, there is a surplus of physicians in Michigan and they're geographically unequally distributed. Many physicians want to practice in a group setting or in more profitable big-city areas, he said.

Two groups are trying to alleviate this problem.

The Michigan Health Council is creating a Internet site to inform people, particularly high school and college students, of job listings for physicians in rural hospitals.

Council President Anne Rosewarne wants to increase awareness of careers in medicine.

"We see a real problem with rural areas creating a work force,' Rosewarne said. "It's just by chance they get a doctor."

Rosewarne says that students don't get a strong enough science and math background in high school to gain an interest in becoming a physician. Eventually they find themselves in a catch-up position or they have to rule it out.

A second attempt at employment recruitment for rural hospitals is a bill introduced by Sen. Walter North (R-St. Ignace) that would give a \$5,000 state income tax credit to primary care physicians who practice in medically underserved areas.

An underserved area is determined by the federal government and is a ratio of one physician to 3,000

"The towns themselves might want to do something to get the doctors to come there," said Dr. Peter Duhamel of Rochester, president of the Michigan State Medical Society.

"The rural hospitals have entirely different circumstances to deal with care," said Foley.

people and the higher number of patients dependent of Medicaid and Medicare, which makes the hospitals more sensitive to federal and state actions, are factors rural hospitals have to deal with also.

In 1997 the Community Health Center of Branch County had a net decrease in Medicare funding of more than \$1 million and expects a \$620,000 decrease again this year, said Chief Executive Officer Doug Rahn.

"Funding is always going to be hard because it's from federal and state government and there's constant pressure to reduce costs for Medicaid and Medicare," Foley said.

Medicaid is a federal-state program that helps pay health care costs for

An older population, less healthy people in need. Medicare is a federal health care insurance program for senior citizens.

> Rural hospitals have to find there own way around these obstacles.

"We have to work harder to maximize our federal reimbursement," Rahn said. "We're not going to cut

Despite the challenges, "rural health care is doing pretty good right now,"

Becoming more efficient and taking advantage of new technologies, even though funding for it is harder, are two ways rural hospitals are providing adequate health care.

"Some hospitals are in bad shape, but the outlook is fairly favorable for them," Foley said.

Budget "ax" aimed at 911 and law enforcement

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Sethis long. With no management system in place, you've no control over monitoring the budget.

"Your General Fund — right now (March 26) is a negative \$260,000. For years, you've totally overspent. The clock is still ticking too: Every week, you're going \$50,000 further in the hole."

Sheriff Dave Lovely, apparently too stunned to react to the siege

engine being leveled at his department, said only that "the road and all special patrols will probably go. We can look at cutting out a shift too, but I just don't know, I really

Other cuts, though less substan-

Courts	\$50,000
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Board of Commissioners	\$20,000

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One robbery, one assault (1300), one assault (1301), one burglary, three larceny, one fraud, one property damage, one family/child, one

Seven public peace, one OUIL/OUID, 23 health and safety, two invasion of property, four micsellaneous criminals, two minors. 15 accidents.

One non-traffic accident, two snowmobile, two false alarms, two fires, two inspections of vehicles, seven civil/family trouble, four suspicous situations, 13 general assistance, 12 general non-criminal.

The Crawford County Sheriff's other than just the vision of health Office reported 110 incidents for the week of March 23 to March 30, 1998.

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very well here.

"Frankly," he said to the Board, " you can't get up-to-date financial information here because your management system is non-existent. There's been no actual allocation of resources," Anderson claimed, and "without a management system in place to plan and to budget, you can't make decisions. You need to the skills of the people you already

"Your County Treasurer is responsible for the revenues, not for everything else, but he's managed to cover the overspending for years."

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you intend to spend no more dollars, then you must all be ready to develop a management calendar to close the books on time, balance all the accounts, and reprioritize everything

Commissioner Bruce Bretzke motioned that Mr. Anderson reduce to writing all adjustments and hire accounting people and assess changes he'd recommend to ensure an adequate management system be put in place to facilitate accurate budget and financial information.

The Board's decision to accept Anderson's recommendations was unanimous.

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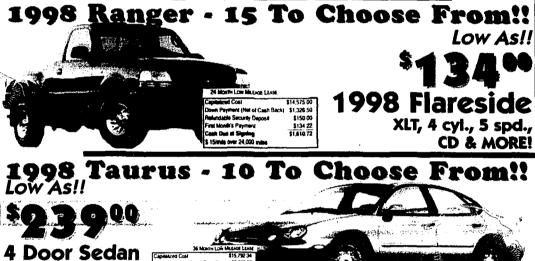
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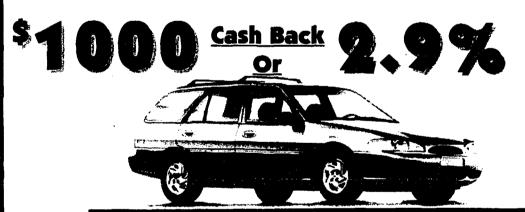


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by Richard Milliman

Controls on small watercraft worth the price

A WEE BIT of personal freedom may be doomed in Michigan, but it's probably a good thing.

The Michigan Legislature appears on the verge of adopting tighter restrictions on use of personal watercraft — jet skis, wave runners. and the like - on the state's thousands of lakes, rivers and other inland waters.

Safety is the primary reason. Comfort of non-users is another.

Anyone who spends time at any of Michigan's real great lakes - the inland ones — can attest that personal watercraft have become both a nuisance and a hazard

Those who use them love them...and why not?

They're mobile. They're small enough to haul from river to lake and back again without much trouble.

They're fast, and maneuverable, and easy to handle. Some can go up to 60 miles per hour and faster.

They're available. Although not cheap, they can cost less than many other watercraft, and can be rented at almost any inland lake.

And they're just plain fun.

It's no wonder use of personal watercraft has mushroomed in Michigan, with an estimated 75,000 operating here.

BUT FOR MANY of these same reasons, they can be both a menance and a nuisnace.

Personal watercraft are loud, and disrupt the serenity for many lake habitues.

Because they're small and maneuverable, they can dart in and out and can be downright dangerous to swimmers, boaters, water skiers, and other personal watercraft opera-

The accident count is keeping pace with growing use of small craft; about half the boating accidents in populous Oakland County. last year involved personal watercraft.

Emphasizing the safety aspects of regulation, State Rep. William Callahan of St.Clair Shores, one of the prime sponsors of the bill. claims most accidents involving jet skis, wave runners and similar small craft are caused by untrained operators ages 19 to 29.

Education is a key to the projected reforms.

The bills proved popular in the Legislature, sailing through the House 101-0 and the Senate 37-0.

However, the two chambers approved slightly different versions, and negotiation is expected to lead

to adoption of new regulations in time for the May 22 Memorial Day weekend — the kickoff of summer activities at most Michigan inland

SOME CONTROL on personal watercraft exists already. Not just anybody can jump on a jet ski and do anything they want whenever they want.

But existing controls are sporadic and difficult to enforce.

At present, individual lakes can restrict hours of operation, and some do, usually to allow quiet time in mornings and evenings.

Enforcement frequently is lax. State regulation limits speed to 55 miles per hour. Another rule requires slower operation— no

wakes- between dusk and dawn. Anyone over the age of 12 who passes a safety and operations course can be licensed to operate personal watercraft.

HERE'S THE GIST of what's involved in the projected new law: All new operators would need training in operations and safety.

Minimum age of operators would be 16, perhaps on a break-in sched-

The state would set training standards. Safety certificates for all personal watercraft operators would be required.

Hours of operation could be limited, perhaps from 9 a.m. to an hour before sunset.

Personal watercraft would have to respect specified distances from other craft, swimmers and swimming areas, docks, shorelines, etc.

Certain activities, such as jumping over wakes, may be prohibited.

"You can't legislate common sense, but you can at least try to educate people," said sponsoring Rep. Callahan. "The biggest problem is people doing stupid things out there.'

He's right, of course.

The new regulations, once in place and enforced can save lives and prevent injuries.

They also can make life a lot more pleasant and a lot safer both for those who want to enjoy relaxed lakeside living and those who want to enjoy the more frenetic activity provided by personal watercraft.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

'Administrative problems' and deficit plague county

To the editor,

Three and four years ago several counties in Michigan had county boards that realized they were in, or near, a budgetary crisis due to the growth of their governmental units.

The board of commissioners in these counties found it necessary to make the difficult decisions and cut each department to a barebones budget. With control of the budget, the commissioners were able to restore necessary services with improved efficiency.

For a board of commissioners to give the responsibility to each governmental unit providing services, mandated or not, to cut any "bloat" from their budgets is not realistic.

I'm sure the Crawford County Board of Commissioners is made up of a fine group of dedicated people, but as a group elected to be the guardians of our tax dollars and the Crawford County budget, the large deficit indicates they have an administrative problem.

They do have inflation to deal with, but inflation is at a very low

rate. Property values for taxation purposes increase considerably and new construction is going on all over the county and together they bring in tax dollars at a rate possibly greater than inflation each year.

Asking for more tax dollars to bail out or continue an undisciplined budget with no restraint can only result in further requests.

The present county budget deficit makes it absolutely necessary that the Crawford County Board of Commissioners accept the responsibility for which they were elected. make the difficult decisions, and live within the monies available. The necessary cuts will upset a number of people, but this Board will have accepted its elected responsibilities and have earned the electorate's respect.

Each reader could find good use for more income, but our only recourse is to live within our income and our budget.

Raymond Ross, Grayling

The importance of

Should a National Endowment For American Children's Art be created to teach all American school children the basic functions of Art? Are American people really smart about art? Is our country a competitive country?

Art communication. Communication is our land wage. Where did the word "smart" originate? (See: Problems created by superstition.) Is artwork part of the pd_app [[app] | recognising to a contract contract to a contract to a

money supply? Is good artwork worth more than bad artwork?

What is our country's foreign debt? Is it bad artwork that gives our country a bad image problem? Must we needlessly spend tax money to protect ourselves from it? Teach American children how to do good art. How else can a child know what, where, when, why, and how to properly stART?

Lawrence J. Wozniak, Detroit

MEMORIES OF AN ANCIENT VIKING

by Alf Svensen

Jonesboro and our nation's young people

I was a Scout once times, in fact. Began as Tenderfoot, wound up as leader of various units. I still remember the pledge I learned nearly six; decades ago - the one about being courteous, kind, reverend... I'm sure you've heard it. It is the same pledge recited in Norway before WWII when Scouting was outlawed by the Nazis... the same one we recited in Connecticut when my son and I joined Pack 100 in the early 60's one we recited as Explorers in Charlotte, N.C. a mere decade later where I realized that the innocence had departed - someone blew off the front porch of the home of the Yeoman of our until, Ship 100...he was colored!

Think about that pledge for a few moments...well, take several moments if you like, because those words represent qualities of life we are losing.

Eet your mind wander freely to see if there are incidents on your mind which trouble you. Does the name Jonesboro mean anything to you? Four dead and 11 wounded in an area considered 'ideal' for making a living and bringing up kids. So, what went wrong to set those terrible kids off?

The kids aren't terrible, however — you and I both know that. They're just kids — average perhaps. So why did it happen? Are we and the country was still an innocent now going to scurry around and try and decent place to live...the same to find some miracle med or look for the obvious psychopathic trends? Indoctrination into Wrong, wrong, wrong!

> Ever since WWII, our country has been on a downward spiral, morally speaking. No - I'm not going to blame this on any war...that would be too easy and would let us off the hook, so to speak.

But do let us look at our own behavior...our rush to seek income to buy things we need for everyday life, our rush to seek relaxation to relieve the stresses from the ratrace, and our rush to find 'stuff' to stretch our dwindling 'spare' time...I'm sure you can add to the

But, 'Bottom Line' -- do we show that we respect our kids - or each other, and do we pay them attention and communicate with them on a meaningful level? Do you know, that, on the average, fathers of the present crop of kids spend less than 10 minutes per day with them? Is that enough?

We buy another TV set for the kids and let them see the stuff put on by the SleezeMeister himself, Jerry Springer. We put up fences around our schools and provide them with guards and metal detectors in the 'worst' areas - and, basically, we let the kids alone — let them solve their problems with sage advise from their peers! So, we wind up with situations where the kids

resolve their problems the way they have seen it on TV...with violence!

I'm sure you understand that this is an over-simplification. The fact is, however, that family heads do not teach such simple things as problem resolution...easily modeled in any family. Instead, we turn such personal duties over to the schools and places of worship...and to nonsecure detention homes as a last resort. Where are their families?

Last night, I did see many of them — attending the costume rehearsal of Grayling High School's performance of Bye Bye Birdle — a spirited portrayal of Elvis Presley and the Rock-and-Roll era. Gave me goosebumps to see the studentteacher-parent relationships - it also gave me good feelings for at least one school district where the danger of a Jonesboro incident is minimal. Is it?

Response to letter regarding the lost county documents

This letter is in response to Mr. Herluf Moshier's letter regarding the documents lost at the County

Those documents were backed up and they were retrieved.

Before you go and make assumptions about someone's training perhaps you should go back to the high school level and research something prior to writing about it.

Joni L. Dunckel,

Prediction on Allen Lowe's term limited 'future path'

To the editor.

Regarding Rep. Allen Lowe's recent Legislative "efforts" perhaps his future path might be as a lobbyist for the religious right and/or the

N.R.A. gun nuts. Score one for term

An independent voter, Lew Spasoff. Roscommon

YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

from Charles Tinsley, Social Security Representative

Overpayments may be deducted from tax refund

You may be a small fish in a large ocean, but if you owe Social Security money, the ocean just got smaller.

This year Social Security can withhold federal tax refunds to collect delinquent overpayment debts from former Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries. The agency

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has been able to withhold tax refunds to collect debts from Social Security beneficiaries since 1991.

Former Social Security or Supplement Security beneficiaries who owe a past-due debt because they received an overpayment of benefits should know that the Department of Treasury is autho-

rized to reduce or withhold your Federal tax refund to collect the delinguent debt.

If you received a letter from Social Security about money you owe, you can review your records a Social Security

record will be corrected. But, if you do owe money, you can repay the amount in full or in installment payments-whichever is most convenient for you. In some instances, the debt may be waived completely.

Treasury is authorized to withhold certain other federal paymentssuch as salaries—to collect delinquent Social Security debts.

To make an appointment with a Social Security representative call the toll-free number -1-800-772-





Question of the week:
Now that winter is almost over, do you think there should be an ordinance to keep side walks shoveled?



Frederic, MI "I believe there should be... I mean you can't walk in the highway:



Grayling, MI "First of all I thought people were responsible, but if they are handicapped or a should have a work program through the County Center to assist them:

Bonnie Vogei



Dorts Vogel Grayling, Mi "We don't have any sidewalks where I live:



Grayling, MI "No, who uses them. they walk in the streets or they drive. The businesses on the main loop should be. Besides there is too many ordinances now :

There you have it... Snow bank climbing could become a Grayling sport, like skiing, snowmobiling, skating etc. We should promote it or shovel it.

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Crawford County Avalanche This week's question was asked Friday in the Grayling area.



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Letters have been sent to debtors in October and November of last year warning them that failure to repay the debt could result in withholding their tax refunds, and giving them 60 days to repay-the money or appeal the debt.

Representative.

If you don't owe the money, your

BRIEFS

Lions Lucky 13 winner announced

Lions Lucky 13 drawing winner number 12 is Sharon Terry. She won

Luncheon at Michelson Memorial

Soup, sandwich, salad and dessert luncheon on Thursday, April 2 from 11:30 a.m. till 1 p.m. All you can eat for only \$4.50 per person, all are welcome. Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.

County Building will be closed

The County building will be closed on Friday, April 10 in observance of Good Friday.

Lovells Anti-crime group to meet

The Lovel's Anti-Crime Association will meet April 4 at noon at the Lovells Township Hall. Pending legislation concerning oil and gas leases will be discussed. Call Janet Richardson at 348-1446 for more information.

Master Gardeners Society meeting set

The Master Gardeners Society will meet April 13 from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. at the Lyon Township Hall in Higgins Lake. "Planning a Garden" is the topic and attendees will be asked to help develop a real garden. If time permits "Planting from Seeds" will be discussed. For additional information call the group's president at (517) 275-5832.

Retired state employees group to meet

The regular meeting of North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will be held Tuesday, April 7, at the Houghton Lake Community Building, beginning at 2 p.m. All retired state employees and their spouses are encouraged to attend.

Welcome Wagon pizza and game night

The Grayling Welcome Wagon Newcomer's Club will meet on Monday, April 13 at 6 p.m. at the home of Heidi and Jim Minthorn, 950 S. AuSable Trail for a pizza and game night. Please call Betty Mansfield at 348-8562 or Rose Smith at 348-5598.

Shelter to hold candlelight ceremony

River House Shelter will hold a candle lighting ceremony at the Grayling City Park Pavilion (near the Chamber of Commerce building) on April 9 beginning at 6:30 p.m. and lasting approximately 45 minutes in honor of the victims and survivors of sexual assault. The public is invited to attend.

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll sale

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Tootsie Rolls in front of Glen's Market, K-Mart, the post office and at the main intersection in downtown Grayling, April 3 - 4, to raise funds to help the mentally handicapped.

Joshua Wells receives U of M honor

Joshua W. Wells of Grayling was one of over five thousand University of Michigan students to be honored at U of M's annual Honors Convocation, which was held on March 22. Wells received a Class Honor, which is given to those students who have maintained an undergraduate academic record equivalent to at least half A's and half B's for two terms. Wells is enrolled in the U of M School of Education.

Travel and Adventure Series end season with Hong Kong

of Travel and Adventure comes to a humor. close. Frank Klicar will present his new movie "Hong Kong In Transition" at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at British Settlement: early Chinese Grayling High School.

Frank Klicar's travels began when he was a youngster in the late 1940's. Since that time, he has visited more than 70 countries on six continents.

A native of Chicago, Illinois, he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology from Roosevelt University. After attending graduate school, he served four years as a Naval officer in Europe and the Far East, including a tour of duty in Vietnam. He recently retired as a Commander in the Naval Reserve after 22 years of

His first film, describing a journey down the Pan American Highway, was made in 1967. He has since made several full-length documentaries which he presents to audiences throughout North America.

He has served several terms on the Board of Directors of IMPALA, the international guild of travelogue producers, as well as President of the organization. When not on the lecture circuit, he runs a computer graphics service and a video post-production studio.

He is listed in the 21st Edition of "Who's Who in the Midwest" and was recently installed in the Travelogue Hall of Fame, only the tenth producer so far to be thus honored.

He is also a member of the Society of American Travel Writers and the International Federation of Tourism Journalists and Writers (FIJET).

He often makes three or four trips to fully cover the subjects of his programs. Thus, his films are noted for their attention to detail, authentic touches of natural history, geography and sensitivity towards the people he

has filmed. His narration is both informative following the journey.

On Thursday, April 2 the 25th season and enthusiastic, often sprinkled with

"Hong Kong In Transition" will include the following: History of cultures; Shui Tau Walled Village; a visit with the Hakka people; Aberdeen Harbor - life aboard a junk; the impact of religion - 10,000 Buddha Monastery; the great Buddha of Po Lin; fortune telling at a taoist temple; feng shui - the art of geomancy; Christian influences; village life on the outer islands - Lantau and Cheung Chau; fishing and boat building; village industries; old China survives in Hong Kong island's Western District-ladder streets, outdoor barber shops, medicine shops; the theory and practice of acupuncture; the bird market and breakfast at the bird restaurant; Chinese cuisine - baked goods, "Egg Street", exotic fare - frogs, snakes and sharks' fins; seafood - the "Jumbo" floating restaurant, the "seafood village", a Chinese wedding reception and banquet. Tourism facilities of Hong Kong - luxury hotels; Repulse Bay resort; Ocean Park's marine aquarium and Middle Kingdom cultural theme park; the Sung Dynasty village; cultural outlets - Catonese Opera and the Hong Kong Philharmonic; the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club training jockeys and an evening at Happy Valley Race Track; shopping in Hong Kong - City Plaza and Ocean Terminal; tailor the business life of Hong Kong - banking and the stock market; the world's largest containerized cargo port; a ride on the Ferry; residential areas and public gardens; a visit to a kindergarten; the excitement of the Dragon Boat Races; the Peak Tram - a view from the top.

Tickets for this program are \$3.50 for seniors and students, and \$4 for adults. Tickets can be purchased at the

Refreshments will be served



EASTER'S ON ITS WAY-- Kiwanis of Grayling has been collecting chocolate bunnies during March to donate to the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center for their Easter Basket program. This year's theme is "Sun Your Bunnies!" Kiwanis, through the Young Children Priority 1 Committee, has donated enough supplies to build 60 Easter Baskets over the past two years. Pictured are: Help Center Director Gerry Schroeder, volunteer and Kiwanis President Val Johnston, Kiwanis Chair of Young Children Priority 1 Committee, Tracie Compton.

Watercraft operating age maybe raised to 14

by Dana Goryl Capital News Service

LANSING — Children may be classes in their curriculums. waiting longer to take to the water if proposed legislation passes.

Shores) and Rep. Jessie Dalman (R-Holland) introduced bills to raise the on the water. minimum age for operating personal importance on possessing a boatersafety certificate.

The bills would dictate the minimum distance personal watercraft users must stay from swimmers, the shore and machines

behavior, drinking while operating them and a lack of education,' Callahan said. "We don't want to kill everyone's fun. But we want people to have a safe and enjoyable day out because the circumstances are there.'

The Environment and Recreation Committee set the minimum age at 14 effect May 22. The bills are awaiting to avoid interfering with boater safety debate on the House floor.

classes held in middle-schools, as many high schools don't include these

Dave Veen, a salesperson at County Wide Service, a boat and watercraft Rep. Bill Callahan (D-St. Clair dealership in Harbor Springs, said the legislation should help improve safety

"Something's definitely needed, and watercraft from 12 to 14 and put more I think raising the age would help things a little bit," Veen said. "On the other hand, safety hazards with personal watercraft don't involve just kids affected by the raised age."

The Deputy Sheriffs Association and structures, such as piers and docks. It the National Marine Manufacturers would also hold owners liable for Association support the proposal, but damage caused by others using their the groups worry that fees may be imposed for boater-safety classes if "We have a problem with reckless students can't take a course through

"It's unfair to charge a fee," said Doug Hedger, spokesman for the Deputy Sheriffs Association. "Just changing doesn't mean there's a need House Conservation, to start charging."

If passed, the new law would take

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TUES 7	GPA MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. CRAWFORD COUNTY RESOURCE COUNCIL meeting @ Mercy Hospital private dining room, 12 noon. AMERCIAN CANCER SOCIETY meeting @ Citizens Bank, 1 pm.
WED	•ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm;



meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306.

LIONS CLUB meeting @ Breaker's Steak House, 6:30 pm.

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From the Calvary **Baptist Church**

Goodness

Have you noticed how close the spelling of good is to God. Goodness is an attribute of God. God alone is perfect in goodness. Jesus Christ is good because He is God, otherwise He would not be good. (Mark 10:18). Only the goodness of God is perfect and eternal or unending. (Psalm 52:1). The earth is full of the goodness of God. (Psalm 33:5). This is why the psalmist repeatedly said, "Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!" (Psalms 107:8, 15, 21,31) James teaches us in 1:17: "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

There is blessing for those who seek God's goodness in God's house. (Psalms 65:4) "Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple." The closer we get to God the greater we find His goodness. (Psalms 31:19) "Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!"

The reason most people don't seek God's goodness is because it is in conflict with their own self-righteousness. (Proverbs 20:6) "Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness; but a faithful man who can find?" Because of self-righteousness, many despise and reject God's goodness. (Romans 2:4) "Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?" God's greatest love gift of goodness is found in His Son who was given to be our Savior. (John 3:16) "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (Romans 5:8) "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." We cannot appreciate the goodness of God until we have received Jesus Christ into our hearts as our personal Savior.

Christian, do you still long and hunger for more of the love and goodness of God in your life? (Psalms 107:9) "For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness." A few years ago when I was laid aside following a heart attack, God strengthened me through His

promises in Psalms 27:13-14: "I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. {14} Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD." God's promises can become our enablement. God's Spirit uses them to produce God's fruit in our lives. (Galatians 5:22,23 & Ephesians 5:9) The good shepherd fills us with eternal hope in Him. (Psalms 23:6) "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever." God's goodness can meet every earthly need! God's mercy can forgive every earthly sin. A place in God's house is reserved for every earthly sinner who repents of sin and trusts fully in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. (John 14: 1-6). Pastor "B"

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Evening Service 6 pm

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entrance).

Michigan posts big gain in immunizations

by Jennifer Bresnahan Capital News Service

More Michigan families agree that properly.

you just can't wait to inoculate. dramatic improvement.

Health survey shows immunization needed. levels for 19-to-35-month-old children rose to 79.8 percent in 1997, up from system is in place, and all data entered, the 1991 rate of 42 percent.

"As our rates continue to increase, patient care. we remain committed to achieving and maintaining our goal of full bringing providers online," said Russ immunization protection for 100 percent of our youngest children," said coordinator for the Michigan Community Health Director James K. Childhood Immunization Registry in Haveman Jr.

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The state has taken several initiatives to ensure that children are immunized

For example, Michigan is the first The 1997 statistics on child state with a comprehensive immunizations are in and Michigan, immunization registry that is rebounding from its 1994 worst-in- accessible to all health providers. It's the-nation performance, shows a database of information with each child's vaccination history so providers A state Department of Community can determine what shots are still

Local physicians feel that once the it will be a positive improvement in

"We're still entering data and Smith, the southwest Michigan Kalamazoo, Van Buren, Cass, St. Joseph and Berrien counties.

The region is still in a planning stage, and no county-by-county immunization statistics are currently available, Smith said.

The governor's wife, Michelle Engler, also helps the immunization effort. In radio, television and print, her public information features encourage parents to check with their physician at each visit to make sure

their baby's shots are up to date.

Michigan law requires proof of immunizations including tetanus, diptheria and polio, when a child begins school. However, a child could be exempt if a doctor fihds immunizations are detrimental to a child's health or the family has religious convictions against them, both of which require proof before the school board.

"Some people just don't believe in immunizing their children, which really ends up hurting them instead of protecting them," said Dr. Peter Duhamel of Rochester, president of Michigan State Medical Society. "It's ironic that Michigan manufactures most of the vaccines, but Michigan children don't seen to get them."

Today, more American children than ever are properly immunized, and fewer children than ever before suffer from vaccine-preventable diseases. But data compiled by the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that more than one million preschoolers are not adequately protected against 10 preventable childhood diseases.

The immunizations require five visits to a doctor, hospital or clinic before children turn two years old.

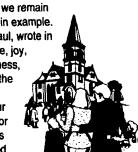
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From childhood we are taught to "stay in line"... to keep in step behind the teacher. From the halls in school to the marching fields of our military, we are reminded to follow our leader...our focus. Even ducks do it. Why? Because that is the way we learn and the way we remain safe. We are positively inspired by excellence in example.

A great leader in the Bible, the apostle Paul, wrote in Galatians 5:22-25, "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control...since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."

Keep in step with the spiritual lives of your friends and neighbors. Visit your local church or synagogue each week to worship as you focus upon and follow your Leader, the Almighty God.



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Northern Michigan Lions Club do not call the dog by his name, do members met for their annual con-Holiday Inn and leader dog, Bentley,

Alden Kirschner, a Lions Club member from Alpena, is Bentley's dog in the program and invites the constant companion since he lost his eyesight in an industrial accident 10 years ago.

Chester was the first and came to Kirschner 17 months after his accident. Chester was 17 months old, born, coincidentally, around the same time as the accident.

Kirschner travels around to different schools to talk about the Leader Dog Program to children and to express to them the importance of letting the dog do his work undisturbed.

danger," said Kirschner.

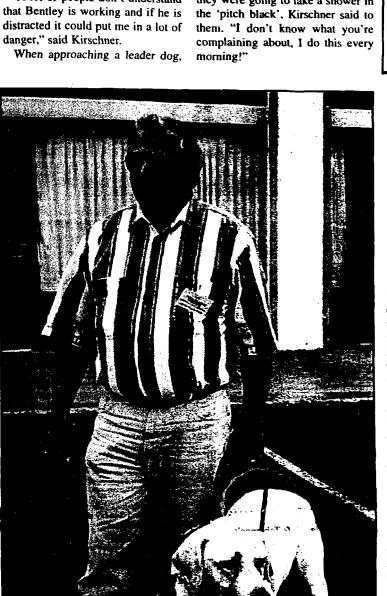
not pet the dog and do not feed the vention March 27-29 at the Grayling dog. He is on duty and his is an important job.

Dave Andrews, also from Alpena, said that it costs about \$17,000 per public to visit the school in Rochester.

The school has grown over the This is not Kirschner's first dog. years. There are two full-time veterinarians on staff and the school now has an extensive breeding program. There are 300 dogs that go through the program each year.

> Kirschner doesn't seem to take life too seriously.

When the entire town of Grayling was without power Saturday morning and his roommates at the Holiday Inn were wondering how "A lot of people don't understand they were going to take a shower in



LOYAL FRIEND -- Alden Kirschner is accompanied by Bentley, his two-year old, yellow Labrador Retriever leader with planting instructions, fertilizer dog. Kirschner lost his sight 10 years ago in an industrial acci- guarantee. Recipients pay no more dent involving caustic lye. Bentley is his second leader dog.



HOW'S YOUR HEARING? -- These ladies are listening to tones and beeps during a free hearing test in the Munson Mobile Ear Lab, sponsored by area Lions Clubs, while at the Lions' annual convention at the Grayling Holiday Inn. These Lionesses attending the convention from Central Lake are, from left: Karen Scadin, Phyllis Armould and Virginia Lindroth.

Get involved by planting trees in the community

tree planting year ever, an environmental group is giving away attempted. The non-profit group offers the trees free of charge to anyone who wants some of them.

"Planting a tree is one of the easiest and most positive things we can do for the environment, but also it serves as one of the best teaching tools we have for our children," said program coordinator Col. David Wright.

The organization is operating two Internet sites to help with the distribution - www.arborday.com and

This way we process requests electronically, we save paper and indirectly trees, which is consistent with our mission." Wright said.

Of course, traditional postal methods are also available for people to get their free trees, send a self addressed stamped envelope to: Arbor Day USA, P.O. Box 980, Washington, DC 20044, a form will be promptly returned.

Households can get 5 to 25 trees each. Schools can get up to 250 for their Arbor Day or Earth Day celebrations, while anyone who has sustained damage from El Nino or other winter storms, can get as many as 25 to 75 to replace trees that were

The pre-treated trees arrive complete than the program's shipping and handling costs to get the young plants

In a move to make 1998 the biggest to their home; no memberships are solicited or required.

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"If we don't get these trees out to the public or get them planted they'll go to waste," Wright said. "This giveaway is a winawin signation. We have a great opportunity to anake a major impact on our ecology, better our landscapes and improve our urban forests. The program will be 'releafing' storm damaged communities and prevent the waste of surplus plants."

The giveaway starts now and accepts registrations through April 11 for delivery this spring. Later requests will be honored for the fall planting

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Page 7A -- AVALANCHE -- Thursday, April 2, 1998 Houghton Lake Foot Clinic TIMOTHY C. ST. JOHN. D.P.M. Physician & Surgeon of the Foot WELCOMING **NEW PATIENTS** Located 1/4 Mile East of Walmert (M-55) 3179 W. Houghton Lake Dr. (517) 366-8332 •ARTHRITIS•HEEL PAIN•BUNIONS•WARTS•HAMMER TOES•HIGH ARCHES ·FLAT FEET-CORNS-CALLUSES-INGROWN TOENAILS SPORTS INJURIES-CIRCULATORY PROBLEMS-DIABETIC FOOT PROBLEMS

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Home radon levels still a concern

National Academy of Sciences report.

Department of Environmental Quality Director Russell Harding estimates that one in eight Michigan homes may have elevated radon levels, but points out that the DEQ has an ambitious educational and outreach program to assist homeowners.

"Radon occurs naturally in our environment," Harding explained. "Unfortunately, it's easy for people to ignore because it is a colorless, odorless gas. The DEQ is working to help Michigan residents understand that it could be a problem in their own homes. The only way is to test."

Harding's comments come on the heels of a study by the National Academy of Sciences, a private organization chartered by Congress to conduct research at the request of governmental agencies.

The NAS report increases the radon exposure risk estimates previously issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The NAS estimates that 15,000 to 22,000 Americans die of radon-induced lung cancer each year. The EPA's estimate was 14,000.

The report also reiterates the EPA's claim that radon is the second-leading

Michigan's radon awareness cause of lung cancer in the United department numbers, help interpret test initiatives are supported by a recent States, surpassed only by smoking. results, provide callers with lists of

1987-88 showed that roughly 12 contractors, and offer other basic percent of Michigan homes are consultative services. expected to have elevated radon levels. In some counties more than 40 percent of the homes could have a problem.

While a fairly high percentage of the population claims awareness of radon, only about 10 percent of Michigan homes have actually been tested, Harding said.

Radon is generated by the radioactive decay of uranium and radium which are found in virtually any type of soil and rock. It enters homes through openings in the foundation floor or walls, and indoor concentrations tend to be higher than outdoor radon levels.

The DEQ is working with local health departments to distribute radon information and to make test kits more accessible to the public. Kits are available in at least one local health department office in every county. They also can be purchased in many. hardware stores and other retail outlets statewide.

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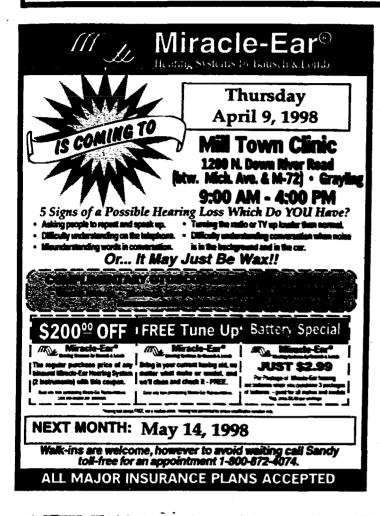
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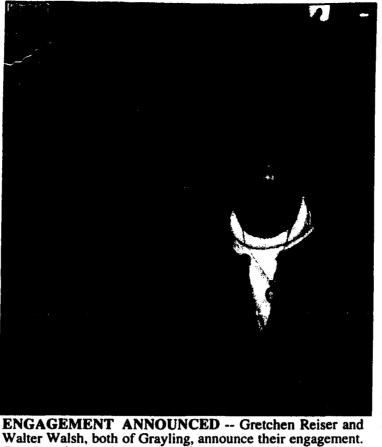
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Tim O'Brien and Jamie Booth of Johnathon O'Brien born March 10,

Samuel Mack and Tanya LaVigne of Mt. Pleasant and Grayling announce the arrival of Ryan Samuel Mack born on March 10, 1998.

Richard Hetrick and Carrie Milliman

Timothy and Carole Butler of of Grayling announce the arrival of Matthew James Hetrick born March 11, 1998.

Dave McCully and Heidi Dickinson Houghton Lake announce the arrival of Houghton Lake announce the arrival of Zachary Jacob McCully born March 12, 1998.

> Michael and Stacy Stoll of Prudenville announce the arrival of Ashlynn Michelle Stoll born March 12, 1998.

Franklin and Denise Starr of Mio Grayling announce the arrival of Chase announce the arrival of Jessica Nicole Starr born March 15, 1998.

Jerry and Aurora Gildner of Grayling announce the arrival of Andrew Jacob Gildner born March 17, 1998.

Jan Parmer and Jamie Holtz of Grayling announce the arrival of Sean Dell Parmer born March 20, 1998.

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School bond election law examined

by Shirley D. Schmoock Special Writer

The Crawford AuSable School Board met with school bond attorney, Beverly Bonning March 26 to discuss the parameters of what a school board can do to promote the

And, they found out what they cannot do — under any circumstances.

The law, as it pertains to your bond issue," said Beverly Bonning of Thrun, Maatsch and Nordberg, P. C., school bond attorneys from Lansing, "is an outgrowth of three Attorney General's opinions.

"The rulings are clear: You cannot use public funds to defeat or work toward the passage of a bond issue. You cannot use public funds, either directly or indirectly. Campaign

conduct their meetings on public property, unless you give equal time to the 'Vote No' campaign committee.

"Schools often allow their facilities to be used for meetings, but what the rulings specifically prohibit the use of items like postage meters, phones, or copy machines. These may not be used to advance the cause of promoting a bond issue or of defeating one.

'You may, however, use your facilities and time and public funds to issue factual information to the public. Telling the public what the project will accomplish, what the actual costs are expected to be; those types of informational brochures are acceptable."

What is not acceptable under the committees for 'Vote Yes' cannot Campaign Finance Law, PA 583 of 1996 — a codification of the original — are:

* Paid employee time working on passage or defeat of a bond issue;

* Tax dollars advocating yes or no vote or influencing passage or defeat of ballot question;

* Posting or disseminating information in school buildings advocating passage or defeat of a bond issue by school employees or school officials;

* Use of funds for postage, vehicles, stationary, equipment, or supplies; and,

* No expression of viewpoint during school hours unless elected or appointed public official who has policy-making responsibility.

"We're often asked, 'but, when is a school superintendent not a school superintendent?" Bonning contin-

ued. "It is generally accepted that it's their job to go out into the community and explain the need."

She did caution the board, however, that if the use of student statements or photographs was being considered, if they were minors, their parents must give proper consent. She also laid the groundwork for obtaining proper registration for the campaign committee through the County Clerk's office.

Violation of the Campaign Finance Law is a misdemeanor punishable. if the person is an individual, by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year — or both. Group violations carry a fine of \$20,000 or a fine equal to the amount of the improper contribution or expenditure whichever is greater.

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First place winners, finishing with a score of 40 was: Ron Latuszek, Scott Hanson, Dale Bonamie and Dan Bonamie (Camp Grayling).

Finishing in second place with the score of 122 was Andrea Nygard, Carolyn Diponio, Linda Stephens and Tina Hamilton (GPA). One second behind was the third place team of Lynn Elsner, Kimberly Curtis, Debbie Hannum and Wayne Metzer (Scheer Motors team #1).



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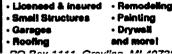
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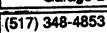
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Local wild turkey federation chapter honored

The Beaver Creek Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) was placed into the category of Golden Gobbler at the Federation's recently held Fourth Annual Superfund Banquet.

The national organization places chapters that obtain a 60 percent netto-gross banquet into the category of Golden Gobbler.

Among other things, achieving Golden Gobbler status means the chapter will receive an additional free shotgun for next year's banquet, as well as a chapter plaque.

Brian McPhail, district director of the NWTF, commends the entire rough winters. community for this achievement.

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Total sales at the Feb. 21 banquet were in excess of \$13,000, in addition to over \$2,000 in cash contribu-

The majority of the available proceeds will go toward local projects of improving wild turkey habitats, hunter education and youth events.

Over 30 local chapters host banquets, and one percent of the profits of these banquets go into to the winter survival program, as well as \$1 from membership dues.

McPhail estimates that over \$8,000 will be in the coffers this year to help the turkeys make it through

At the banquet, three sponsor members were signed in, as well as 47 regular members and 74 J.A.K.E.S. A "Jake" is a youth membership for those 17 years of age or younger.

In spring the Beaver Creek Chapter plans to plant and leave standing two five-acre sites with corn in Crawford County near large wintering flocks of wild turkeys, numbering 80 or more birds.

Some money raised at the banquet will also be matched by the U.S. Forest Service's Mio Ranger District

spring turkey hunting seminar to be Gypsy Moth has been almost nonheld at the Beaver Creek Recreation existent. There are areas in Crawford Building at 8888 South Grayling County however, where the population Road on April 4 from 10 a.m. until 3 is stable or even increasing.

Resources.



TURKEY TROT -- Wild turkeys are a familiar sight in Crawford County. This flock of was spotted recently, crossing Photo by Shirley D. Schmoock Old Lake Road.

novice and young turkey hunters to pick up pointers on safety, hunting seminar contact McPhail at (517) and calling techniques, plus the 275-4113 or Steve Nelson at (517) proper equipment," said McPhail.

For further information on the

Act now to control Gypsy Moth

If you are one of the many property to help pay for contracted burn and owners in Crawford County who own interested in having there property mow work in existing warm-season 10 or more acres of trees or, if you live grass openings within the Huron in a subdivision that has abundant National Forest to promote regener- shade trees, it may be time to give some thought to the control of Gypsy Also on the groups agenda is a Moth. In many areas of the county, the

Surveys done to the south and to the Guest speaker will be Randy Harris east of Crawford County indicate a of Perfection Turkey Calls and Dick large, growing population in that area. along with McPhail and representa- and there is a prevalent wind from the tives of the U.S. Forest Service and southeast at the right time, both could play host to a whole new "This will be a great chance for population of Gypsy Moth.

For those property owners who are sprayed for the control of Gypsy Moth, Howard Taylor is once again coordinating with an aerial applicator.

The price for spraying this year is \$135 for the first ten acres and \$12 for each additional acre.

Those interested in the spray program should call 348-5187. For those outside the 348 area, call toll free at 888-653-3276.

Taylor, former Gypsy Moth Coordinator for Crawford County, is Sikkenga will be there with decoys, If conditions are favorable this spring also able to provide Gypsy Moth population surveys for those property owners who wish to assess their moth the Michigan Department of Natural Crawford and Roscommon Counties problem. You may call the above numbers to make arrangements for your Gypsy Moth survey.

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at Mercy Hospital, Grayling. He was born in Riverside, Calif., on January 30, 1957.

Mr. Tait moved to Grayling 16 years Minnie (Blocher) Baker. She ago from Detroit. He married Christy on June 21, 1997 in Grayling. He was a tool and die maker in the automotive July 20, 1935 in Battle Creek, where industry.

He is survived by his wife, Christy; son, Michael Tait of Southfield; stepchildren: Jennifer, Daniel and Matthew McCullough, all of Grayling; mother, Kathleen Bergan; step-father, Ralph Marrocco; brother, Michael Bergan; sister, Michelle Bergan, all of Grayling; sister Kathy Donahue of Riverside, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial service will be held Friday, April 3, 1998 at 6 p.m. at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel with Pastor Lyle Studer officiating.

The family suggests memorials be directed to the Crawford County Library, Children's department.

William Kent Norris

William Kent Norris, 85, of Grayling, passed away March 24, 1998 in Bradenton, Fla.

He was born in Del Norte, Calif. to William and Nellie (Williams) Norris on Nov. 6, 1912.

He moved to Grayling four years ago from Burton. Mr. Norris worked at Smelter-Steel Mill. He was a World War II Veteran.

He is survived by his son, Carson (Loretta) Kinney of Grayling; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and three great great-grandchildren.

Mr. Norris was preceded in death by his wife, Clara, on Dec. 2, 1994; his parents, William and Nellie (Williams) Norris; and sons, Robert and Bill Kinney.

Funeral services were held March 28, 1998 at 2 p.m. at the Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel with Rev. Dr. Robert Barnett officiating. Burial will take place in Elmwood Cemetery this spring.

Card Of Thanks

We would like to say thank you to all for the beautiful card's, flowers, the comforting words and support during the loss of my father, father-inlaw, and wonderful grandpa.

Thank you, Ron & Bonnie & Angie Whitney

Card Of Thanks

The parents and family of Roger Weatherly Jr. would like to express their love and gratitude to everyone who was involved in any way; if you attended the benefit, made a donation, baked a cake, said a prayer, the list can go on and on. We all thank you. God Bless you. Please keep us in your prayers.

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Brandon Stone-Walker

Brandon Lee Stone-Walker, infant son of Brenda Lee Stone and William Walker of Grayling, died Wednesday, March 25, 1998.

Marjorie C. Skidmore

Marjorie C. Skidmore, 83, passed

away Friday, March 17, 1998 at the

home of her son, Jerry and Margaret.

Hastings, the only child of Frank and

graduated from Hastings High in 1931.

She married Gerald B. Skidmore on

they resided for a short time. They had

Mrs. Skidmore was a life long

member of the First United Methodist

Church of Hastings. She retired from

the Hastings Manufacturing Co. in

1979, with over 30 years of service.

She and Gerald moved to Grayling in

Sept. 1987 to be closer to Jerry and the

grandchildren. They moved to the

Higgins Lake area in Nov. 1996 to live

with Jerry and Margaret when their

Her death was sudden and quick in

the presence of her husband and

daughter-in-law in her favorite chair

She is survived by her husband of

62 years, Gerald; son, Jerry;

grandchildren, Chris and Heather and

great-grandchildren, Austin and Jamie.

daughter, Carolyn, who passed away

She was preceded in death by her

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two children, Carolyn and Jerry.

She was born July 6, 1914 in

Brandon is also survived by his sister, Ashley Lynn Walker; brother, William Ray Walker; maternal grandparents, Russel and Erma Stone of Roscommon; paternal grandparents, Howard and Waneta Madsen of Grayling, aunts and uncles, Nelson (Sherry) Kniep of Fife Lake, Russel (Mary) Stone of Roscommon, William (Shelley) Massey of St. Helen, Don (Cindy) Larson of Grayling and Grace Walker of Grayling; and many cousins.

Funeral services will be held Friday, April 3, 1998 at 1 p.m. from the Nelson Funeral Home, Gaylord with Rev. David Hugger officiating. Burial will be in Hayes Township Cemetery in Gaylord.

Memorial contributions or to The Family, c/o Nelson Funeral Home, 135 N. Center, Gaylord, MI

John R. Jackson Jr.

Montana Marie Allison

and Melissa (Hawley) Allison on Feb.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Chester Hawley; great grandfathers: David Cook and Cecil

John R. Jackson Jr. (JJ to many), 39, of Davison, passed away Thursday, March 19, 1998.

and Ducks Unlimited.

He is survived by his parents, John R. Sr. and Carol (Dreyer) Jackson; son, Jason of Millington; sister, Melissa; brother, Craig and wife Kelly Jackson; nieces, Alexis and Chelsea; fiance, Jill Grudzien of Grayling and many friends who will miss him.

Funeral Services were held Monday, March 23, with burial in Davison Cemetery.

to Trout Unlimited.

Montana Marie Allison, 1 month, of Grayling, passed away March 28, 1998 at Butterworth Hospital, Grand Rapids.

She was born in Grayling to Randy

She is survived by her parents, Randy and Melissa: two brothers. Anthony Allison and Cameron Rose; sister, Casondra Allison; grandparents: Jeannette & Edward Allison of Grayling; Kathleen Hawley of Grayling; great-grandparents: Marguerite Cook of Grayling and Clois Canfield of Grayling; God parents, Scott and Leah Baker of Grayling and several aunts and uncles.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on March 31, 1998, at Sorenson expressions of sympathy may be sent Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel with Rev. Rob Henley officiating. Burial will take place in Elmwood Cemetery this spring.

John R. Jackson Jr.

Mr. Jackson was a member of Trout

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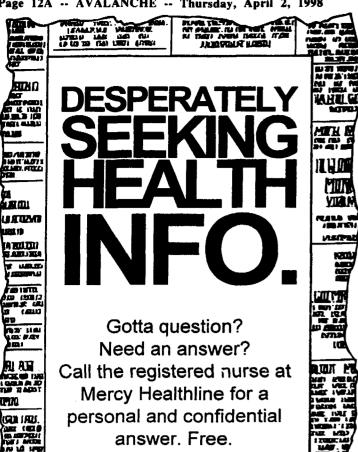
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Habitat for Humanity fund raising plans

by Shirley D. Schmoock Special Writer

It costs money to build a house nowadays...lots of money. The average Habitat for Humanity house in Michigan now runs about \$40,500, roughly two-thirds the market value of what it will be worth when finished.

"It's up to us to keep our fundraisers interesting, so we're going with a Masquerade Ball this year," said Barb Brooks, Public Relations Facilitator and fund-raising coordinator for the Crawford County Habitat group. "Fund-raising is an ongoing project for Habitat, so we may as well enjoy every minute of

There's no confirmed date set for Habitat's Masquerade party, but plans are coming together as soon as the committee can manage the details. They believe, however, that a fall date would be appropriate to give the people plenty of time to select their costumes.

"We'd like to do a Vegas Night sometime this summer, too," Brooks continued, "and of course, the canoe raffle went over very well last year."

money-making endeavors planned from year-to-year, Habitat will make a thousand here and a few thousand there. The hours spent and dollars gained from such fund-raisers, when added to volunteer efforts, donated services and materials, soon are adequate to begin another home for a qualified family.

Recently, Vicki Royston of Grayling and her son, Lance, were chosen by the Family Selection Committee to receive the organization's next home, but the fund-raising must continue for next year's recipients.

In Michigan alone last year, 120 homes were built between June 23 and July 5, and the program anticipated that more than 250 would be finished by year-end. There were an estimated 10,000 people involved in

With these and a variety of various stages of the Habitat operation, and the record says "62% of the individuals living in Habitat homes are under 18 years of age."

There are now in excess of 80 affiliates throughout Michigan covering most areas of the state, and many church groups get intimately involved with the building of "our Habitat House."

Entire communities seem to adopt the Partner Families of Habitat, and when they see 'the House Pins for Sale' or "Hot Dogs for Habitat" signs springing up during summertime events, most are eager to donate or participate. The sale of "House Pins" have been successful beyond anyone's wildest dreams.

"They make thousands for us." said Brooks. "Most people have several, and they give them away as

Volunteer sign-up sheets are now available too. Habitat for Humanity develops through communities by bringing unique individuals and their talents together for the com-

Foundations, churches, couples and organizations are welcome. Habitat is a 'grass-roots' organization. It's about family and local tra-

Long ago, when churches were built by hand and barns were raised over the weekend, everyone in town joined in. Women and girls did the cooking for the men and boys, and usually the town's brass band played for the crowd.

Now, the women and girls (as well as the male species) sling hammers and raise the walls, and everyone does the cooking. Habitat uses all sorts of volunteers.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FUND RAISER — Prospective buyers line up to view the variety of pins available for sale. The proceeds will benefit the new house being built in the Grayling area by the Habitat for Humanity program. (left to right) Naomi Holysko, RSM, local Habitat for Humanity director, Barb Brooks, Public Relations Facilitator, Nate Mueller, Carolyn Rakoczy, Nycki Moggo and Carol Moggo. Photo by Shirley D. Schmoock.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: Stay 1 p.m., please give us a call because on the level and you can reach the top! we always need a fourth and if we get

announcements of things to come: table! Give us a buzz at 348-7123 for Pantry Bingo every Friday from 1 to 3 either card game. p.m. We are starting a Euchre club on Tuesdays at 12:30; come one, come most of our "Sno-birds" will be all! Also, anyone out there that likes to returning and we can renew old play Bridge, they play on Mondays at friendships and swap winter stories

Happenings at the Center and enough "fourths" there will be another

April is here and that means that with them.

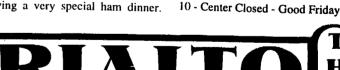
Some of you have beaten me, but I saw my first robin on Sunday! SPRING IS HERE! Things happening at the Center are: Lucky 7 Casino trip on the 2nd and we have a new pool table and want everyone to come take advantage of it, especially on Thursdays, morning and afternoons. We have a lot of other "action" games, as well; ping-pong, darts, and shuffleboard so there would be plenty to do on Thursday. All you have to do is come on in! Our Easter dinner will be held on the 7th at 5 p.m. and we'll be serving a very special ham dinner.

Dance with Tina following the Easter dinner; then on the 8th is Commodities day from 10 to 11 at the Free Methodist Church. Funfest is the same day at 12:00 with friends coming from the various nursing homes for lunch and fun & games following. Birthday dinner at 5 on the 8th also and the RSVP white elephant auction at 5:30. (Lots happening on that one day!) Blood pressures and sugars taken on the 9th from 11 until noon and the Center will be closed on Good Friday. the 10th.

Lunch/Dinner:

April

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- 6 Roast Pork / Fish Fillets
- 7 Stuffed Turkey / Easter Dinner
- 8 Chicken & Biscuits / BBQ Pork
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Camp Grayling to send troops to Panama



PREPARING FOR PANAMA -- Sergeant Steve Abbe of Fairview receives a vaccination as part of a Mobilization Deployment Readiness Exercise.

Members of the 745th Ordnance Panama requires vaccination against in Mobilization Deployment Readi- dard inoculations. ness Exercises (MODRE) on March The 23 person EOD unit will leave ing trip to Panama.

MODRE is the process used to ver- take a plane to Panama. ify that unit members are prepared to leave the United States.

Detachment (Explosive Ordnance typhoid, yellow fever, hepatitis A and Disposal) of Camp Grayling took part B, and malaria, in addition to the stan-

14 and 15 to prepare for their upcom- Camp Grayling on April 3 and travel by bus to Detroit, where the unit will

Panama until April 19. EOD's pri-One aspect of MODRE involves mary responsibility out of country will vaccination updates. Deployment to be clearing ranges in U.S. installations

in Panama. EOD must identify and and Utah. destroy dud munitions as part of the Panamanian Government.

The ordnance disposal unit has and a Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic. previously been deployed to Saudi disposal operations in New Mexico ing.

EOD consists mainly of Explosive cleaning process involved in return- Ordnance Disposal Technicians, but ing the Panama Canal Zone to the part of the unit is a support team made up of a Clerk Typist, Supply Specialist

Training for EOD technicians is 10-Arabia and Iraq as part of Operation 12 months depending on prior service. Desert Shield and Desert Storm. It has Training for the support team is 4-5 also conducted explosive ordnance months, which includes basic train-



LAST MINUTE PAPERWORK -- (Left) Sergeant Fred Shippy, Members of the unit will be in Jr. of Grayling is having his personnel records updated by Sergeant Ray Sly of Lansing. Also pictured is Detachment NCO, Master Sergeant Charles Ray of Taylor.

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Grayling musicians selected for All-Star Band

by Caleb Casey Staff Writer

Two Grayling High School band students, Tim Ormsbee and Erin Scott, will perform in the David-Gillingham All-Star Band on Friday, April 3 in Western Michigan University's James W. Miller Auditorium.

Grayling's Ryan Gaffke made the All-Star Band as an alternate, and will step in if one of the performers is unable to attend.

Another Grayling band student, Brandy Plutko, was selected to participate in the All-Star Repertory Band at Western Michigan.

The two ensembles are made up

of musicians from 73 Michigan high schools.

The All-Star Repertory Band is designed as a learning experience. The members will spend time reading and rehearsing musical works, both recently published and "clas-

The David Gillingham All-Star Band will perform one concert at the end of the all day musical event.

The members received the appropriate music to practice in advance and will rehearse twice as a group on Friday before the concert.

The All-Star Band will follow performances by East Kentwood High School of Grand Rapids, the Detroit

Performing Arts Symphony Band and WMU's Brass Choir and Symphonic Band.

The concert is part of the 30th annual Spring Conference on Wind and Percussion Music, which is hosted by WMU's School of Music.

Professors from Western Michigan's music program made the selections for the two ensembles. They chose from a list of potential participants that were nominated by their band directors. After examining the students' solo ensemble ratings and other relevant information

the professors made their choices. Each year the Spring Conference

High School for Fine and features one composer. This year the guest composer is David Gillingham from Central Michigan University. He will conduct the All-Star band members himself, and they will play his as yet unpublished work entitled "Galactic Empires."

The two hour concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in WMU's Miller Auditorium in Kalamazoo.

The event is open to the public and admission is free.

Forever Plaid **Musical Comedy** to be at Kirtland

Kirtland Community College will hold the Musical Threatre Comedy Forever Plaid on Saturday, April 4, 1998 at 8 p.m.

Forever Plaid, a comedic musical, is the story of four unlikely heros whose dreams of musical glory come true when they return to earth after being "snuffed out mid coda" in a collision with a school bus of eager teens on their way to see the Beatles' 1964 debut on the Ed Sullivan show.

Now, through the power of harmony and the expanding holes in the ozone layer, in conjunction with the positions of the planets and astro-technical stuff, the four crooners with angelic voices and the gentle naivety of children are allowed to come back to perform the show they never got to do in life.

For ticket information, or if you would like to make a reservation, please contact the Kirtland Ticket Office at (517) 275-6777.



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CHINESE RIBBON DANCE — As part of the Chinese art exchange program Grayling Elementary School students swirl colored ribbons through the air, imitating a Chinese form of artful dance. The hands-on demonstration is part of Chinese art exchange month coordinated by 4-H. Students from Grayling and other Michigan schools submitted artwork for the cultural exchange program, some of which will be sent to China to tour the nation.

MILITARY NEWS

Sergeant Jeff Jennette, a member of award by Captain Mike Morang, unit the 1071st Maintenance Company has been selected to represent his company for the prestigious Rasmus Hanson

HOMETOWN NEWS

The piano students of Mrs. Judy Englund presented their Spring Recital on Sunday, March 15, 1998 at Heritage Baptist Church at 3 p.m.

Students performing were Mrs. Patricia Arnold, Mrs. Yvonne Sobieralski, Zach VanNuck, Shawn McCuan, Hannah Miller, Heidi Englund, Diane Niederhouse, Nathan Lowe, Eli VanNuck, Jill Scager, Monica Barr, Anne Nettleton, Mallory Olson, Kristen Smock, Megan Fekete, and Kyle Alexander. Mrs. Judy Englund also performed.

Students were presented with gifts at the conclusion of the recital. Refreshments were served. About eighty guests were in attendance at the recital

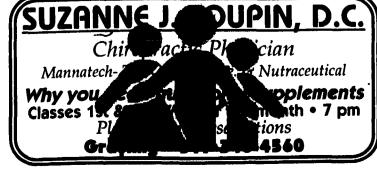
Commander of the 1071st Maintenance Company. Sergeant Jennette has been a member of the Michigan National Guard and the 1071st Maintenance Company for 11 years, and is currently a 75B, personnel administration. He is also the Retention Advisor the Unit Retention Team, and the coordinator for the Sponsorship program. Jennette has been the Honor Graduate while attending his major occupational skill (MOS) school, and also received the Academic Award for achieving an academic average of 100% as a

graduate of the Primary Leadership Development Course (PLDC).

The Rasmus Hanson Award is presented annually to the most outstanding Michigan National Guard soldier in grades E-4 Specialist/ Corporal through E-6 Staff Sergeant.

Sergeant Jennette lives in Breckenridge, with his wife Sunday, and is a high school principal with Breckenridge Community Schools. He is the son of Tom and MaryLou Jennette of Roscommon.

Jennette is a graduate of Roscommon High School, and holds a B.S. and a Master's degree from Central Michigan University.



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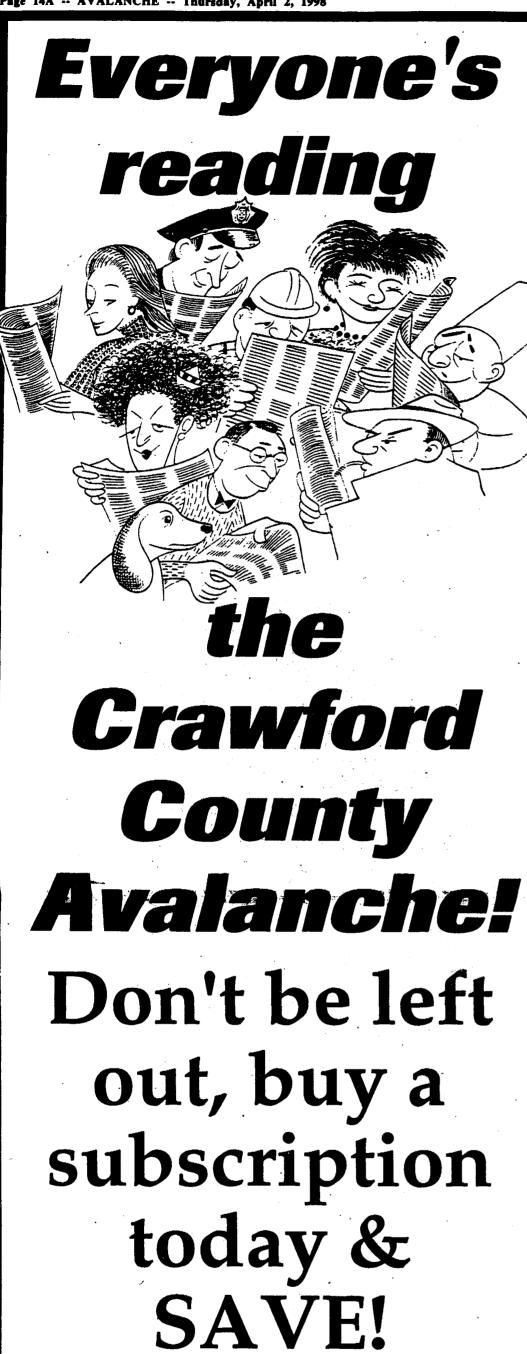
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Anglers watch project with a sharp eye Townline Bridge construction begins over the AuSable

by Shirley D. Schmoock Special Writer

Constructing a new bridge over the West Branch of Big Creek in Lovells Township began in earnest a couple of weeks ago. It also began, however, with cautious discrimination, as the West Branch at Townline Road is a tributary of the South Branch.

And, the South Branch, more fondly called 'the Holy Waters', are guarded like the tombs of Solomon... maybe better.

Cordes Excavating of Hillman offered the winning bid on the bridge, a concrete and steel structure which is expected to cost near-

ly \$380,000.

The funding package is comprised of help from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Huron Pines R C & D, for \$120,000, a contribution from Lovells Township of approximately \$20,000, and matching and/or available funds from Crawford County. Funding participating from the Michigan

Department of Transportation has been included in the Huron Pines portion of the project.

This aging, turn-of-the-century bridge had sagged nearly into the stream itself.

Over the years, the site had become a sedimentation problem and was considered almost incurable due to the steep inclines down to the bridge's base. Sand from the banks had washed continually into the stream bed, and trout cannot breed in muddy, silty conditions.

Townline Bridge was closed in 1994. Permanent funding and design alternatives for its reconstruction had to be considered.

A temporary bridge was installed by the Road Commission for Crawford County and allowed the bridge to be opened to local traffic.

"That temporary unit will now be used at Wilcox Bridge," said James Briney, Managing Director for the Road Commission, "until we can identify adequate funding for its rework.'

The temporary bridge will allow the crossing of school buses and up to 6-tons of other vehicular traffic.

The clearing and earth excavation have already been done at Townline," said Craig Schripsema, Civil Engineer for Northwest Design Group, the consulting engineers from Petoskey.'

The swampy area has been backfilled, and Cordes' construction crew is currently putting in the permanent steel sheet piling.

"The 12-foot sections are lowered into place then driven into the stream bed. They are a corrugatedlike sheeting and it prevents the scour — or wash back of silt from getting beneath the bridge founda-

All sodding, road-side seeding, and the addition of the anchoring mulch to the banks will be done last, according to Schripsema.

"But next on the timeline for construction, is driving the H-piles. They will be lowered onto the pilings and will become the support system for the bridge."

These, he explained, would then become the foundation for a threesided concrete box culvert.



STEADY AS SHE GOES -- Cordes Excavating foreman George French waits for the 16-foot span of steel sheeting to be lowered into place at the Townline Bridge site in Lovells Photo by Shirley D. Schmoock

Superior Finishes joins local construction ranks

by Shirley D. Schmoock **Special Writer**

A new exterior coatings construction firm has recently relocated in Grayling "due to its convenient 'north central' location," said coowner Kellie Kirk. She and husband Tom moved to Grayling from Systems — EIFS.

The company handles both commercial and residential buildings, and Ms. Kirk says, "if properly installed to the right parts of the building or home, the process adds high R-values," a term used in the construction trades to describe insulation qualities.

Tom Kirk has 10-years of experience with the finishes his company applies, and he also has several years in the general construction business. The company is currently doing the exterior finish work on the new Rite-Aid building in

Gravling, as well as their new stores in Muskegon and Alma.

The Sto Exterior Insulation and Finish System is listed in the Michigan Northern Builder/Architect magazine under new products. "The finishes," it says, "have withstood all types of Redford in 1996 to specialize in construction and climate, cold, heat, applying Exterior Insulative Finish moisture, wind and time. These wall systems," the article continues. "perform like a protective skin that breathes and resist moisture yet remains flexible — even in extreme or changeable climate conditions.

"Because the system provides a

continuous, rigid exterior insulation one to four inches thick - there is significant savings both in heating and cooling the building's interior," said Kirk.

"The best part," he concluded, "is that it comes in colors, it resists crumbling, cracking, blistering and, it harmonizes with the environment." The company has also

recently completed projects for the Budgetel Inn of Mackinac City, Jansen's Plumbing & Heating of Grayling, and they've used the process on several homes in the Charlevoix area.

The couple reside with their three children, Corey (9), Brianna (6) and Travis (2) in Grayling.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing will be conducted at Camp Grayling during the period of April 1 through April 8, 1998.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road).

The Range 40 Complex, located north of County Road 612, east of Sherman Road, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road). Military maneuvers and weapons firing will be conducted.

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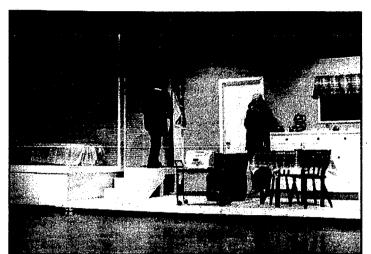
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Section B - Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, April 2, 1998

Grayling High School Players are a smash hit

Musical Comedy Bye Bye Birdie entertains large crowds



ONE LAST KISS -- (at Left) After just getting "pinned" by her boyfriend, Kim MacAfee (Heather Ross) receives a call from Almaelou Music telling her that she's been chosen to receive one last kiss from Conrad Birdie before he leaves for the U.S. Army. Her father, Mr. Harry MacAfee, (Jared Armstrong) leaves in disgust over the antics of his daughter.



TELEPHONE HOUR -- (Above) Word gets around fast in Sweet Apple as teenage girls jam the phone lines spreading the word that Kim MacAfee got pinned. The boys from left are Jason Boone, Travis LaMotte, Chris Barrow, and Neil Josza. The girls from left are (front) Tiffany Ruark, Ann Hughes, Rachel Ramaswamy, Michelle Gildner, (second row) Kim Ruley, Allison Lockwood, (back row) T.J. Robbins, Kim Mallory. Shown in the orchestra pit (foreground) Tim Ormsbee and Carrie Hellebuyck.



OH, BABY! -- (Above) Mayor of Sweet Apple (Jason Boone) tries to present the key to the city as Conrad Birdie (Anthony Renon) swoons the fans with Honestly Sincere, causing even the mayor's wife (Allison Lockwood) to faint.





TEMPTRESS -- (Above) Gloria Rasputin's (Jenny French) office skills were lacking but, oh, that agility. FAN CLUB -- (Left) Rose Alvarez leads the fans in We Love You, Conrad . From left: Albert Peterson (Ben Mallory), the Reporter (T.J. Robbins), Conrad Birdie (Anthony Renon), Alvarez (Heather Stevens), chorus members Misty Meideros, Crystal Pilon, Heidi Niederer, Carmean, Colby Davis, Rachel Ramaswamy, Gina Rosi, Kim Mallory, Ann Hughes, Michelle Gildner.



OH, MAMA -- Mae Peterson, left, (Brie Blaauw) gives Albert, right, (Ben Mallory) and Rose, center, (Heather Stevens) more heartache as the whining, self-absorbed, alcoholic mother who just can't let go of "Sonny Boy".

Meanwhile, backstage...



MAKE-UP! -- (Above) Debra Stevens, left, applies some age to Brie Blaauw, as William Armstrong and Sarah Carmean wait their turn in the make-up department. Far right, front, Heather Stevens is caught making some adjustments before the show goes on.

Bye Bye Birdie was directed by Andrea Binert with music direction by Karen Ross. Technical Director was Mark Binert. Assistant Technical Director was Jim Carmean. Orchestra: Erika Aumock, Deanna Fleischmann, Adair Aumock, Gwen Seifert, Heidie Wallace, Tricia Griesemer, Carrie Hellebuvck. Brooke Ginther, Danielle McClain, Joe Hughes, Erin Scott, Tim Ormsbee, David Ross, John McNamara, Colin Hunter.

MIRACLE WORKERS -- Bonnie French, right, makes last minute alterations and, below, Marti Gosling(left) and Debra Stevens (right) touch up Allison Lockwood's hair and make-up.



ROLLER ROLE --(Right) Erin Scott, left, assists Heather Ross with her soon-to-be bouncy hair style as she prepares to go on as Kim MacAfee and sing How Lovely to be a Woman.





THE CREW -- The production crew was responsible for construction, design and behind-the-scenes communication that made possible colorful scenery and smooth scene changes. Front row, from left: Shannon Papendick, Student Technical Director Lindsay Porter, Samantha Millikin, Sonya Saladine, Assistant Student Technical Director Michelle Stepp, Krista Lemke. Back row, from left: James Eddy, Cy Wakeley, Student Director Ravi Ramaswamy, Charles Armstrong, and Technical Director Mark Binert.

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G.R.A. Wrestling Club develops potential

Recreation Authority Wrestling Club G.R.A. team has participated in 8 completed their season at Benzie tournaments throughout the year along



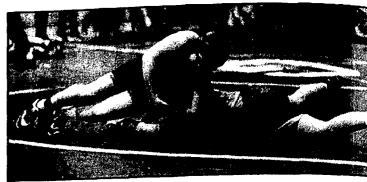
UNDEFEATED WRESTLER - Grayling Viking eighth grade wrestler Nate Haskel completed his season undefeated. Haskel's record on the year was 23-0, with 19 pins and 7 first place medals.

Submit your hometown news

Last Saturday the Grayling competing in the medal round. The Central with about half their matmen side the Grayling Middle School Viking wrestling program.

> The Wrestling Club, comprised of youth aged 5 to 10, was formed to maintain athletic eligibility for the youths when they move up to junior and senior high competition and was supported by the Grayling Youth Booster Club and Rotary Club amongst other local organizations. Coaches for the team, which was headed up by Joe Ferrigan, included Ron Wyman, Paul Van Nuck, Fred Fisher, Craig Stewart, Tim Van Nuck, and Jim

successful in the learning process of weight. The Wrestling Club coaches Grayling Vikings in the future.



ON THE MAT — Fourth grade wrestler Billy Stewart pins an opponent.

these young Viking wrestlers. Wrestling is a sport which requires a combination of strength, speed, and quick decision making while facing The 1998 year proved to be very opponents of the same or similar student/athletes to represent the

also teach the value of sportsmanship and how to accept defeat as well as celebrate victory. To that end, it is the goal of the coaches to develop good



YOUNG MATMEN — The Grayling Recreation Authority Wreslting Club consists of K-5th grade: first row, Zac Rochette, Zach Wolcott, Neal Cook, Keith Revord, Steven Grove, Geo Bindschatel, Mike Revord; second row, Joe Ferrigan, Daniel CdeBaca, Chuck Hughes, Josh Patello, Isaac VanNuck, Eli VanNuck, Tim VanNuck, Matthew Whitcher; third row, Allen Lehman, Cory Metzer, Jim Bouylan, Billy Stewart, Doug Flicker, Michael Berry, Matt Larson, Brian Borchers: Zac Wagner; Coaches: Joe Ferrigan, Craig Stewart, Paul VanNuck, Tim VanNuck.

Henion wins Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Championship



SHARP SHOOTERS -- District Knights of Columbus Free Riddle and Lee Kostopolus had sec-Throw winners, from left: Jodi Riddle, Emily Henion (State Champion), Kelly Jansen, R.J. Schmidt. Absent from photo is Lee Kostopolus.

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by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

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that podiarty has existed as a medical

specialty for almost a century, podiatry remains something of an unknown to

many people -- until they have a prob-

lem with their feet. Simply put, podia-

trists are physicians with the specialized

expertise to diagnose and treat injuries. diseases, and defects of the foot. Such

treatment may include prescribing drugs, performing surgery, and

addressing the physical or mechanical needs of the feet. The initials DPM after

a physician's name indicate the podi-

atric specialty. A Doctor of Podiatric

Quiz Question: What is a podiatrist?

free throws. Three youths from Grayling also had notable performances. In the ten year-old division, Jodi

Emily Henion of Frederic is the Michigan State Champion in the

girls' 12-year old division of the Knights of Columbus' 25th

Henion joins two past state title holders from Crawford County -Brandy Ritter in 1995 and Gibson

In order to qualify for the state

competition, Henion had to out shoot some very good free-throwers

at Regionals in Gaylord on Feb. 21.

She qualified by making 20 of 25

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Tobin in 1997.

ond place finishes. R.J. Schmidt finished second in the boys' 14-year old division, making

20 of 25 free throws. On March 8, Emily travelled to the

Pewano-Westphalia gymnasium there 80 boys and girls, ages 10-14. were shooting for one of the five boys' and five girls' state titles.

Numbers are drawn for shooting order. Emily drew the number "1". With the focus and form necessary, Henion calmly made 21 of 25 shots. It proved to be too much for the remaining shooters to beat.

Six winners from the Gaylord Regionals placed at the state level. more than any other of the seven Michigan regions competing.

International champions, not yet innounced, will be determined on the basis of best scores from the state competitions submitted in each age category.

Last year over 218,000 free throw hooters entered into local contests.

Marlyn Neuberger, of the Knights of Columbus Grayling Council 1982, stated their chapter "is happy to be able to give the youth of the area this opportunity. "



The Grayling High School Football program hosted its 3rd Annual Lift-A-Thon competition on Wednesday, March 25. The yearly event is a fund raiser designed to bring in money for improving the school's weight room.

Lift-A-Thon participants gathered pledges and donations prior to the competition. Lifters included students, both male and female, as well as community members and coach-

Competitors were divided into divisions based on body weight and sex. Each person attempted three lifts on a bench press, trying to put up as much weight as possible.

The following are the placements for the male student lifters:

9th Grade

Division 1 1st Matt Ginther 2nd Justin Manier 3rd Dan Hall Division 2

1st Cameron McClain 2nd Justin Neuberger 3rd Peter Belcher

Division 3 1st Chris Peters 2nd Jeremy Tobias 3rd Dave Golnick Division 4

1st Josh Quintano 2nd Nick Baynham 3rd Shawn Mitchell

10th grade

Division I 1st Casey Helsel 2nd Eli Tobin 3rd Dusty Lohrer Division 2 1st Ryan Michels 2nd Brad Wilson 3rd Justin Wirtjes

Division 3 le Lie Leine 2nd Brandon Gebriel 3rd Robbie Demoines

Division 1 1st Tony Reimer 2nd Jason Potter 3rd Jimmy Hannum Division 2

1st Chad Ellis 2nd James Kelly 3rd Marc Kiefer Division 3

1st Charles Demoines 2nd Travis Beckett 3rd Shane Colby

12th Grade

Division 1 1st Jesse Hannum 2nd Travis Parkinson 3rd Jason Trudeau Division 2

1st Ben Malonen 2nd Kris Holborn 3rd Mick McClain

Seventeen out of a total of 91 participants at this year's Lift-A-Thon were girls. The results for the female student lifters are:

Division 1 1st Libby Galvani 2nd Cassie Maples 3rd Marianne Vollmer Division 2

1st Sara VanGuilder 2nd Lori Daniels 3rd Nicole Craigie Division 3

1st Tasha Carlisle 2nd Shannon Anglebrandt 3rd Carrie Hatfield

All adult participants were placed into the 'Open Division.' The top lifters here, based on the amount of weight lifted versus body weight, were: Male - Jake Helsel, Female -Rebecca Brown.

Awards for overall lifting ability, which is calculated by most pounds lifted over one's own body weight, were also given:

'Best Overall Lifters' 1st Charles Demoines 2nd Tony Reimer 3rd Casey Helsel

This year's Lift-A-Thon had nearly a hundred people lifting in support of the football program's fund raiser. Fifty lifters took part in 1996's Lift-A-Thon and 68 people lifted last year.



PREPARING TO MAX -- Participants in the 3rd Annual Lift-A-Thon fund raiser watch as their fellow lifters attempt to put up as much weight as they can on the bench press.

In addition to the increased number of participants a good sized crowd of audience members and supporters were on hand to cheer on

"The energy was enormous, everyone was cheering for everyone else. I'm glad we were able to do this," said 2nd place winner Shannon Anglebrandt.

All the proceeds from the Lift-A-Thon will go towards purchasing new equipment for the Grayling High School weight room.

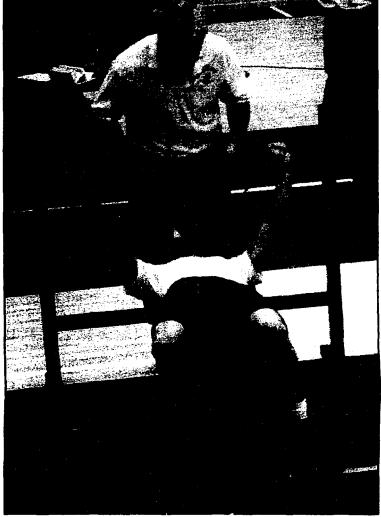
"The Booster Club and the community have already put a lot of money into the weight room," said head football coach Rodney Patterson. "I like the Lift-A-Thon because it shows the kids putting effort into improving the weight

The weight facility is used by Viking sports teams as well as students in Strength and Conditioning class and Physical Education cours-

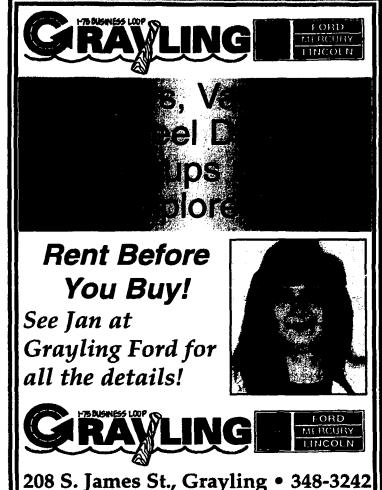
Coach Patterson aims to continue improving Grayling's workout equipment and "to make the Viking weight room the best in Northern Michigan.'



TOP LIFTER -- Charles Demoines receives his first place medal for the 11th grade Division 3 championship from Head Football Coach Rodney Patter-



HOW MUCH DO YOU BENCH? -- Coach Fred Wolcott performs the spotting duties in the 9th grade Divisions of Grayling football's annual Lift-A-Thon. Each lifter had three attempts on the bench press to put up their maximum weight.



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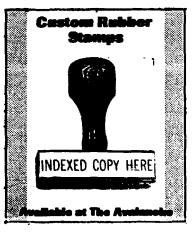
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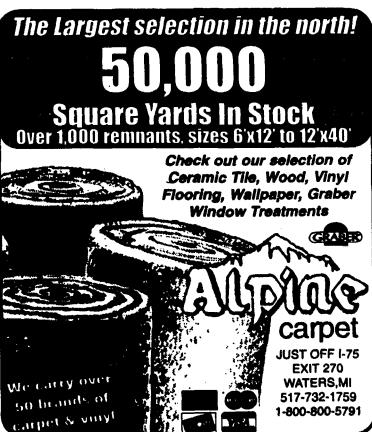
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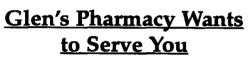
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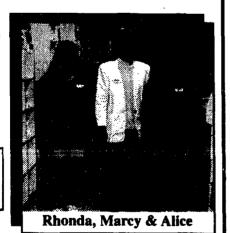
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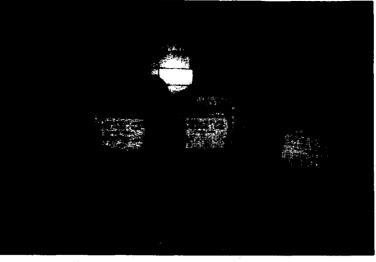
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ALL DISTRICT -- Three Grayling High School Varsity Soccer Team players were named to the 1997 All District Team by district coaches for their outstanding skills and sportsmanship during regular season games. Pictured from left are Coach Karen Langseth, Freshman Kyle Langseth, and Juniors, Jeremy Jones and Eric Thompson.

Ramaswamy named to All-Academic Soccer Team

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Grayling High School (GHS), was recently named by the Michigan 1997 Leadership Award. High School Soccer Coaches

Ramaswamy has played two years of Varsity soccer at GHS under Ramaswamy of Grayling. Coach Karen Langseth.

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High Series: S. Noeske, 532; M.

Ginther, 191; S. Noeske, 190.

.....19-29

Jones, 219; S. Sumner, 200.

525; S. Sumner, 514.

Mark 8.....

Palmer, 239; A. Angove, 237.

Helsel, 640; T. Kotrash, 635.

All Conference Honors and the

Ramaswamy will be attending the Association to the All-Academic University of Michigan in the Fall, majoring in Film Studies. He is the son of Dr. K. and Mrs. Carol

Ravi Ramaswamy, a senior at Also to his credit are Second Team

Senior Citizens League

Stevens Family Circle.....56-52

Baynham Forest Products....54.5-53.5

Cornell Realty......51.5-56.5

Flowers By Josie......48.5-59.5

Sylvester's Sports 46-62

Men's High Game: K. Harris, 244; G.

Men's High Series: K. Harris, 606; G.

Women's High Game: D. Hall, 189;

American Men's League

McLean's Ace.....22-13

Stitches by Sue......19-16

Fenton's Auto......18-17

UpperLakes.....18-17

Burnside RV......17-18

Northwood's Land.....16-19

Fenton, Sr., 557; P. Faustman, 556.

Friday Night Mixed Doubles

Charlies Country Corner.....42-14

Suttles.....38-18

Aunt Betty's.....29-27

Moshier Auto Repair.....29-27

A. Bulldog Towing......25-31

AJD Forest Products.....24-32 Fick & Sons......20-36

Sawmill......17-39

Men's High Game: D. Canfield, 210,

206; M. Campbeil, 202, 196; M.

Men's High Series: M. Campbell,

590; D. Canfield, 566; J. Campbell,

208, 188; B. Lozon, 202, 180; S.

Women's High Series:

Sumner, 195.

France, 170.

Wolfe, 532; L. Essiambre, 526.

·P. Harris, 180; M. Biron, 179.

Wolfe, 206; R. Biron, 198.

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46TH CIRCUIT COURT

Sentencing from October 1997.

Antwan Lamar Moore - Escape Prison, sentenced to 36-60 months with the Department of Corrections. Steven Bradley Merrill - Probation

Violation of Delivery of Marijuana, sentenced to 12 months with credit for 100 days served in Crawford County degree, sentence to 180 days in jail

Helsel Brothers.....26

High Series: M. Miller, 581; S. France,

Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles

Us & Them.....45-15

Computer Services.....40-20

Suttles Truck Leasing.....39-21

C.S.I.....33-27

M.M.L.D.....32.5-27.5

R & M Masonry......22-38

Gary's Drywall......20.5-39.5

Bye.....8-52

Men's High Game: J. Helsel, 215; L.

187; D. Ashworth, 180; J. Harwood,

Women's High Series: N. Glasslee,

Wilde, 210; M. Ashworth, 197.

S. Sumner, 178.

DART

LEAGUE

High Game: W. Johnson, 243; G. Wilde, 532; M. Sumner, 519.

Fenton, Sr., 232; D. Canfield, M. Keir, Women's High Game: N. Gla

Northwood League

218; M. Miller, 199.

572; T. Jones, 557.

Roger Dale Guilfoil - Larceny in a building, sentenced to 1 year with credit for two days in County jail; \$360 costs, \$201 restitution; \$60 crime victim fund; \$645 attorney fees.

Timothy Lee Freeman - CSC fourth with credit for 47 days served; \$360 costs; \$60 crime victim fund; \$645 attorney fees.

Tammy Mechele Schlaff - Delivery/ Mfg. of Controlled Substance -Marijuana, sentenced to 60 days in jail with credit for 2 days served; \$100 fine; \$240 costs; \$60 crime victims Rich's Cycle Service......35 fund; \$645 attorney fees; \$150 forensic Wakeley's Auto Parts.....32.5 fee.

Goose Bumps20-10			
Flintstones19.5-10.5			
Ninja's19-11			
Looney Tunes17-13			
Aristocats16.5-13.5			
Scooby Doo's13-17			
Rug Rats8-22			
3 Stooges7-23			
High Game: Male: J. Mastej, 142;			
Female: B. Yanniello, 124.			
High Series: Male: J. Mastej, 260;			
Female: B. Yanniello, 199.			
Most Pins over Average: Male: J.			
Mastej, 49; Female: B. Yanniello, 51.			
Most Pins over Series: Male: J.			
Armstrong, 39; Female: S. Wilkerson,			

Cartoon League 💛 💎 i

501; K. Moshier, 481, J. Harwood,

Women's Pool League

Sawmill II......200 Frederic Inn.....159 Sawmill I......158 Legion.....153

Plaza.....140 Spikes......126 Women's High Game: K. Moshier, 5 ball run.....Vickie N. of Frederic Inn, Lisa M. of Plaza, Beth of Sawmill I. 6 ball run......Barb W. of Plaza. 8 ball run.....Dee K. of Spikes. Moshier, 572, B. Lozon, 526, S. French, Won all 6 games: Barb M. and Patsey P. of Sawmill II, and Michelle and Siss of Frederic Inn.

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Women in Black15-25			
Kung Fu Mania13-27			
Phantoms13-27			
High Game: Male: J. Arwood, 168;			
Female: C. Romain, 146.			
High Series: Male: R. Strohpaul, 468;			
Female: C. Romain, 407.			
Most Pins over Average: Male: T.			
LaMotte, 50; Female: S. Davis, 23.			
Mariotte, 50, Female: S. Davis, 25.			
Most Pins over Series: Male: N.			
McNamar, 65; Female: S. Davis, 13.			

Comedy League

Black Sheep.....20-10

Spy's.....19-11

Wild Natures......18.5-11.5

Paul Bearers.....18-12

Tin Cups......16-14

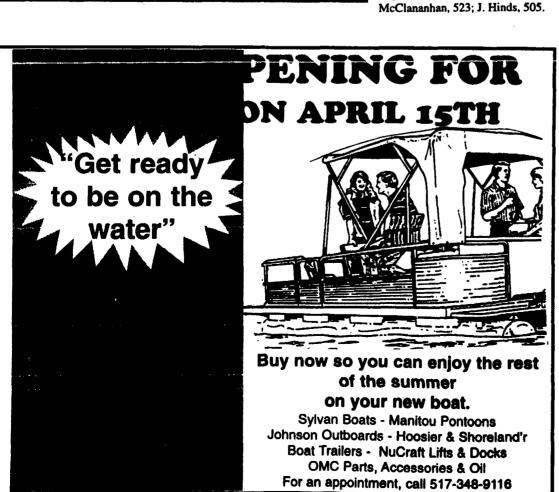
Nutty Professors.....11-19 Clerk's.....10-20

Action League

10-20
Space Jammers7.5-
22.5
High Game: Male: Z. Sheldon, 146;
Female: A. Vogel, 123.
High Series: Male: Z. Sheldon, 274;
Female: K. Davis, 228.
Most Pins over Average: Male: Z.
Sheldon, 55; Female: A. Vogel, 42.
Most Pins over Series: Male: R.

Schlaff, 7; Female: 0.

Invitations, I nyclopes. Announcements. Thank you Notes mate and Later Assessments



Seniors Nicole Craigie and Amy Godlewski earned All-Conference

Team awards were also given following the end of the season:

Sophomore Krystal Savoy and Lindsey Voelker, a junior, were announced as co-winners of the Spirit Award. The Hustle Award was given to senior Kristie Cadeau.

Melanie Paxton, Jenny Phillips and Kathy Wyman shared the Most Improved Award.

The Coaches Award went to Cadeau, Craigie, Voelker, Jamie McGuire and Nicki Osga.

Godlewski was named team MVP. Cadeau, Godlewski and Savoy were the team captains for the lady Vikings this season.

Four players earned all-tournament honors at the Subway Invitational: Cadeau, Craigie, Godlewski and McGuire. The Viking team ended up placing fourth at the tournament and won pool play.

The Viking team also participated in pool play at the Northwood Invita-

The coaching staff felt that the



TWO HANDS WHIE Mandy Trudgeon bumps the ball back into the air.

girls volleyball team ended its 1997- hard throughout the season and worked they were, and their sincere caring for

finished fifth place in the league with always amazed at the potential of this and a privilege," said Coach Rebecca team, how hard they worked at prac- Brown.

one another. We both considered "(Coach) Jenny Swander and I were working with them a joy, a blessing,



SENDING IT BACK -- Team MVP Amy Godlewski completes a one-handed return as her Viking teammates prepare for the opponent's counterattack.

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SERVING TIME -- All-Conference senior Nicole Craigie launches a serve.

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LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by STEPHEN K. LAVIGNE and TANYA L. STATE OF MICHIGAN Patch Circle, Grayling, Michigan, 49738, Mortgagor. MANUFACTURED HOUSING, INC., Mortgagee, dates the 24th day of July, 1996. and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on 1st day of August, 1996, in Liber 415 of Crawford County Records, on Pages 546-49, and subsequently assigned to GREEN FINANCIAL SERVICING CORPORATION by Assignment dated the 25th of July, 1996, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 1st day of August, 1996, in Liber 415 of Crawford County Records, on Page 550, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Fifty-seven thousand Five hundred Nincty-two and 85/100 (\$57,592.85), and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of May, 1998 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the Court House Building in Grayling, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with interest thereon at \$16.21 per diem and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All the certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, and State of

Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Lot 6, FLORA FAUNA, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4, of Plats, Page 18, Crawford County Records.

Together with a security interest in a 1996 Four Seasons Manufactured Home, 48 x 28, serial number S/O. Commonly known as 211 Berry Patch Cr.,

Grayling, Michigan 49738. During the six (6) month immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant

to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: March 16, 1998 Paul J. Nicoletti (P44419) Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation - Mortgagee

IN THE PROBATE COURT GRAYLING FOR THE COUNTY OF **CRAWFORD** Estate of Clarence E. Wygant, deceased

FILE No. 97-005654-IE NOTICE OF DISTRIBUTION TO: LARRY JOHNSON and to his unknown resumptive heirs and devisees

RICHARD GALUSKY and to his unknown presumptive heirs and devisees DONNAJO WYGANT and to her unknown

esumptive heirs and devisees RONALD WYGANT and to his unknown resumptive heirs and devisees

WAYNE GALUSKY and to his unknown sumptive heirs and devisees

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that unless cause to the contrary is shown, on July 6, 1998. an Order of Distribution will be made by the Court for the portion(s) in question as though the disappeared heirs or devisees listed above have predeceased the decedent named herein, who died on January 1, 1997.

Dated: February 24, 1998 JANICE WYGANT GREEN, Personal Representative DOUGLAS C. DOSSON (P26312) PO Box 593, 408 Lake St. Roscommon, Mich. 48653 (517) 275-5284

SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK **TOWNSHIP** Regular Meeting March 16, 1998

The regular meeting of the Beaver Creek Township Board was called to order at 7 p.m. by Supervisor Riley. All board members were present. There were four guests present.

Motion by Mobarak and seconded by McGregor to accept minutes to meeting of Feb. 9, 1998, with two corrections. Motion carried. Motion by Mobarak to accept Treasurers report as presented. Seconded and carried. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Plans for a benefit dinner for Roger Weatherly

on Saturday, March 21st, are being finalized. Report on Supervisor's Group and new state Supervisor's group. Eight pieces of correspondence was accepted.

OLD BUSINESS: 1. Motion by McGregor to accept the "Land Division Ordinance No. 15" as proposed. carried. Seconded and carried.

Committee will write application form. 2. Motion by Mobarak that we accept "Picnic Guidelines." Seconded by McDonough carried.

township by Schultes Attorney will be contacted workshop.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Supervisor will have FEMA info for next

meeting. 2. Motion to let Christian Softball League use field on Thrusday nights. Seconded and

3. Motion by Mobarak to put assessor's contract out for bids. Seconded and carried. 4. DTE Franchise discussion. Supervior

5. Motion by Mobarak to grant permission 3. Discussion regarding monies owed for Deputy Treasurer to attend Treasurer's

6. Discussion regarding proposed new subdivision on West 4 Mile Road

7. Motion by Riley to pay AP bills. Seconded and carried. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: Working on setting up soccer/tennis program

through the 4H to be at our Community Center this summer. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Sharon Hartman, Clerk

Rubber Stamps Available At The

CRAWFORD AUSABLE SCHOOL DISTRICT ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

There will be three positions open for the Crawford AuSable School Board of Education at the regular school election. Positions are for one 1 year term and two 4 year terms. The deadline for filing is 4:00 p.m. April 6, 1998. Petitions may be obtained at 403 E. Michigan Avenue,

CRAWFORD COUNTY **HOUSING & REHABILITATION COMMISSION NOTICE**

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners will be accepting applications for an opening on the Crawford County Housing & Rehabilitation Commission through Wednesday, April 8, 1998 @ 4:00 pm. Interested applicants must be residents of Crawford County. Applications may be obtained from Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Register of Deeds, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738.

MEETING NOTICE

To: Crawford County Solid Waste Planning Committee Members and all interested parties.

From: Patrtick Merrill, Crawford County Solid Waste Coordinator.

There will be a meeting of the Crawford County Solid Waste Planning Committee on April 15, 1998 at the Crawford County Building. The meeting will be held in the basement, and will begin at approximately 6:30 p.m.. Please contact me at (517) 348-2841 x-258 if you have any questions.

NOTICE **CRAWFORD COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING VACANCY**

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners will be accepting applications for an opening on the Crawford County Commission on Aging through Wednesday, April 8, 1998 @ 4:00 P.M. Applicants are required to be county residents and must have a genuine interest in the lives of all seniors within Crawford County. Applications can be obtained and submitted to County Clerk Sandra Moore at the Crawford County Courthouse 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore

County Clerk /Register of Deeds

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CRAWFORD COUNTY PARK COMMISSION **SEEKING 1998 COUNTY PARK BIDS**

The Crawford County Park Commission will accept bids for the maintenance of:

- Wakeley Bridge Canoe Landing

- Whitepine Campground

The Department of Natural Resources has resumed control of Canoe Campground causing a change in the original bidding process. We apologize for any inconvenience this change may have caused.

BIDS ARE TO INCLUDE: Paper products and trash bags. Grayling Township will continue to allow disposal of all refuse at the compactor for which advance arrangements will be made. Minimum of twice weekly (Monday and Friday) **DUTIES INCLUDE**: Cleaning, disinfection and replacement of paper products within restrooms; empty garbage/trash containers and dispose of same; and to police area for litter and trash.

Please subit bids by April 15, 1998 to the Executive Confidental Secretary to The Crawford County Board of Commissioners, Crawford County Building, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738

EATURES

For The Week Of April 5–11

ARIES March 21-April 20

This could be a great weekend to travel to an out-of-town location for fun and relaxation. So be sure to get your car checked and all the maintenance done early in the week. A coworker has a suggestion on a great destination. Keep your eyes and ears open.

TAURUS April 21-May 21

Clear your desk early in the week to open yourself up to some great possibilities. Your readiness will play very well throughout the office and upstairs. Be prepared to deal with a difficult family situation as the week draws to a close. Stay levelheaded.

May 22-June 21

Look to a family member for some help concerning a difficult situation. When the problem gets worked out, take time to thank him/her in a creative way. This is a good week to start that exercise and diet program you've been putting off.

CANCER June 22-July 22

It's home improvement time. Gather the family to get things going. But to be on the safe side, depend on some professional help for the more detailed tasks. Between work and home, be careful about taking on too much to everything done.

July 23-August 23

Don't avoid the difficult situation that rears its ugly head this week. Plunge right in and get it behind you before it gets worse. You'll feel a whole lot better when things are resolved. Make some extra time to do some volunteer work for a local organization.

VIRGO August 24-September 22

Be careful about taking time off work for frivolous things. You may need the time in the future for more important obligations. Even if you are really busy and don't have much time, spend some of it with a family member who really

September 23-October 23

A friend you haven't seen in some time may call with some shocking news. Be excited for him/her, even though you have trepidations. Don't complain about a difficult situation at work. Complaining this week could really backfire on you, so tough it out.

SCORPIO October 24-November 22

Your bright outlook on life can have a powerful influence on people around you. Use it to make work a better place for everyone. Consider working as a liaison in a difficult family situation. Your help could mean smoother sailing within the family

SAGITTARIUS November 23-December 21

Get out of your rut and take a class for fun. Try a cooking, computer or history class, or take up a new hobby. Visit an elderly relative you haven't seen in some time. He/she could really use the pick-me-up of a visit, and it will make you feel great.

CAPRICORN December 22-January 20

Even if a difficult financial situation seems to be working out, keep your eyes open. Things could change if you become too nonchalant concerning it. Get some friends together this weekend for some much needed fun time. You will all feel better about life.

AQUARIUS January 21-February 18

Make a commitment to someone you care about. Set aside some time for him/her this weekend. Try something that could improve your health. It could work two-fold-giving you relief from your health problem and making you feel better about yourself.

PISCES February 19-March 20

It may be time for a change in your surroundings. It may be that you just need to move the furniture around, but you need to take the plunge and get a new perspective on life. Your closest friends could be the best source for all the help you'll need.

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

SOUPERBURGER SANDWICHES

1 lb. ground beef 1 med. onion, chopped 1 can (10 3/4 oz.) condensed cheddar

cheese soup 2 T. ketchup 1/8 t. black pepper 6 sesame hamburger

buns split & toasted

 Using a 10 inch skillet over medium-high heat, cook beef and onion until beef is browned and onion is tender, stirring to separate meat.

Spoon off and discard

 Stir in soup, ketchup and pepper. Heat thoroughly over

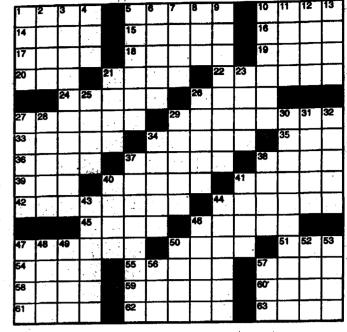
low heat, stirring occasionally. Serve on buns.



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- Janeiro 19. Rive
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- Right on! 22. Stanzas 24. NYC's
- "Smooth Operator singer 27. Upshot
- 33. None omitted
- 34. Envious 35. The Lady
- (1941 film) Champagne color
- 37. Desserts Solar disk
- 39. Polo Grounds hero
- 40. Road worker

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- Punkie or no-see-um
- 58. Marriage-ceremony portions Stunt
- 59. 60. Miracle
- 61. If not
- 62. Tugs 63. Nicholas, e.g
- **DOWN**
- Idiot Andy Taylor's son
- Sink a hole in one Allow
- March sign
- Press clothes Grow sleepy
- Rabbit's hangout
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- refreshments 12. Highway unit
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Fender mishaps 34. It raps up a sentence

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Whiplash

28. Musical set in

Argentina

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- 49. Farm females 50. Bible's "marked"
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A Look At Our Past FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 YEARS AGO March 27, 1975

Grayling State Bank receives approval to open a Frederic Branch office.

Dr. and Mrs. Tomlin Rosi are the proud parents of a new baby daughter Yolanda Ledvina w on March 12 at Munson Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds 8 1/2

Mr. and Mrs. David Frederick of Grayling are happy over the arrival of a son, Ryan David, on March 19. He weighed 6 lbs. 9 ozs. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Danny

Sattler of Grayling on March 21, a

daughter, Angela Kay, weighing 6 lbs. and 7 ozs. A daughter Tammy Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hatfield of Grayling on March 23, weighing 7

lbs. 6 ozs. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Skoronek of Waters are the proud parents of a son, Michael David. born March 24, weighing 6 lbs. 5 ozs.

Airman David A. Rutkowski, son of Col. and Mrs. Edmund A. Rutkowski of Grayling, has completed Air Force basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas. He is a 1970 graduate of Grayling High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Cox celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Pack 978 awards. Wolf badges were presented to Harold Breckrow, Brad Ayers, Richard Sadjak and Jon Miller. Forestry, craftsman and citizenship badges were earned by: Robin Pratt and Doug Webb. The Webelo Arrow of Light went to Jerry Pratt and George Kesby.

46 YEARS AGO March 27, 1952

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Larson attended the State basketball finals in East Lansing Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Clair Smith accompanied them

and visited their daughter and family, the Bennie Allens in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Don E. Koepfgen announce the arrival of a daughter, Janet, on March 23rd, 1952. Janet weighed six pounds three ounces at birth. Mrs. Koepfgen is the former Nelle Cary Welsh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Welsh. Janet was born on her Grandpa Welsh's birthday, the very best kind of birthday

Mr. and Mrs. Art Clough and son, Kerry, have returned home from their vacation in Florida.

Bud Smith and George Schiable attended the state basketball finals in East Lansing the past weekend.

Camp Pendleton, California on Friday following a short leave spent at his home here.

Pfc. Pee Wee Laurant left for

Robert "Bud" Sorenson and Wes Hayes attended the State Finals basketball games in East Lansing Saturday.

69 YEARS AGO March 28, 1929

Further honors have come to Grayling High School basketball team. Two of our players were selected on the all-tournament team for Class C. Elmer Neal was chosen for one of the forwards and Francis Brady for a guard. Rudy Harrison

drew a place as forward on the sec-

ond team. Grayling Lodge F.& A.M. will observe a past masters night Thursday evening, April 11th. Special invitations are being issued to the following past masters: M.A. Bates, Allen B. Failing, Efner Matson, Frank Sales, John Bruun, Harold G. Jarmin, George N. Olson, C.S. Straehly, F.L. Michelson, Fred Narrin, James Overton and A.L.

On Tuesday of this week, Clarence Johnson closed a deal with

George Collen whereby the former has leased the Collen Pavilion at Lake Margrethe and will take possession April 1st.

Miss Calla Brott accompanied by Pat Ostrander, Boots LaMotte and Daisy Heath, motored to Roscommon and spent Sunday at

the Herman Bertl, Jr., home. John Matthiesen is driving a new Essex sedan and Don Reynolds is sporting a new Ford roadster.

Mrs. William Heric, chairman, Mrs. Liland Smock, Mrs. Floyd McClain and Mrs. Herbert Trudeau in charge of the bake sale given Saturday by St. Mary's Altar Society are responsible for raising the fine sum of \$94.25 that was derived from the sale.

Dr. and Mrs. C.R. Keyport and daughter, Jane, are leaving Friday to

spend ten days in New York City. Dr. and Mrs. R.L. Barrus and children will visit relatives at Ovid over

the weekend. Charles Papenfus of Lovells is driving a new Chevrolet sedan.

92 YEARS AGO March 29, 1906

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Butler Sunday, a bouncing baby

Sheriff Stilwell has sold his Cheney farm to Mr. Martin of Cole M.A. Bates has sold his house on

Maple Street to W.T. Hammond.

Mrs. J.I. Malanfont of Cheboygan is the welcome guest of her parents and sister. Mark it down that on the morning

tered at 18 below zero. Mr. Kerry has gone to Chicago on business connected with the flooring plant.

of March 24 the mercury was regis-

Miss Catherin McPeak entertained a crowd of young people Monday night.

Start Help the bird find his way down the roof.

WEATHER Courtesy of the City of Grayling Date High Low Rain 3/25 41 18 3/26 46 34 .03 3/27 34 66 3/28 72 58 .09 3/29 58 36 3/30 44 3/31 71 42 2.06

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1. Real Estate

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Vacant Land

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The Department of Transportation reserves the right to accept or reject any site.

If you are aware of or have a site which meets the criteria, please submit your name and site map, by not later than April 10, 1998, to: State of Michigan, Department of Management and Budget, Real Estate Division, P.O. Box 30026, Lansing, MI 48909, Attn: Maureen Bailey.

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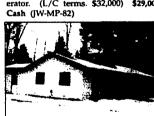
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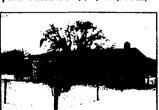


lot in desirable area. This 4 bedro effere kitchen with center island and ceramic tile, berber carpet, spacious b a landscaped lot. Bonus room to be comted with drywall and carpeting. \$123,900





ROOM TO GROW in this newer 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home, with a full walkout basement, 2 car attached garage, on 120° x 250' wooded lot, gardens & small pond. Priced to sell, \$65,500 (KM-22)



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NICE TWO BEDROOM TRAIL-ER fenced in yard, attached breezeway and two car garage, by high school. Must sell, \$23,000. 517-275-2100. (-2-9/1)

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remodeled. large Newly kitchen with oak cupboards, stove, refrigerator, large living room, three bedrooms, laundry room, two car garage, close to town.

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MOBILE HOME FOR SALE BEAR'S COUNTRY INN reopen-Must be moved, \$3,500 or trade. ing April of '98. Can pick up and 517-348-8959. (3/5/98tf/1)

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2. For Rent

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drop off applications at The Avalanche office. Cooks, dishwashers, waitresses needed. No experience necessary, on the job training. (3/19/98tf/3)

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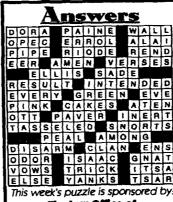
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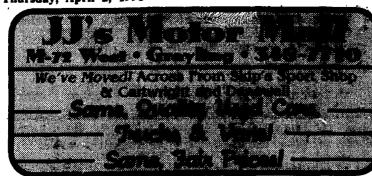
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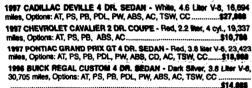
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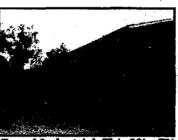


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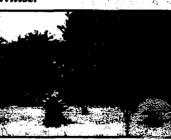
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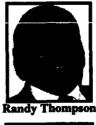


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